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DRIVER PLOWS A VAN INTO CROWD OF MUSLIMS, 1 DIES

4TH TERROR STRIKE IN A TUMULTUOUS 4 MONTHS; AMIR DENOUNCES ATTACK



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LONDON: A van is seen at Finsbury Park in north London after the vehicle struck pedestrians yesterday. Police said a man who was driving the van has been arrested and taken to a hospital as a precaution. — AP

LONDON: British Prime Minister Theresa May vowed yesterday to fight terrorism in all its forms after a white driver ploughed his van into a crowd of Muslims in a suspected Islamophobic attack. It was the fourth terror strike in a tumultuous four months in Britain. Ten people were injured in the incident which took place in the early hours of yesterday after evening prayers in a mosque in Finsbury Park in north London. One man also died at the scene after falling ill for unrelated reasons just before the attacker struck.

May condemned the assault as "sickening", saying Britain's determination to fight "terrorism, extremism and hatred... must be the same, whoever is responsible". The 48-year-old van driver was detained by people at the scene before being arrested on suspicion of attempted murder. The Finsbury Park Mosque said the van "deliberately mowed down Muslim men and women leaving late evening prayers" at the mosque and the nearby Muslim Welfare House shortly after midnight. Many linked the attack to an increase in anti-Muslim hate crimes, particularly since a van and knife rampage in the capital on June 3 that left eight people dead, which was claimed by the Islamic State group.

London police chief Cressida Dick said the incident was "quite clearly an attack on Muslims" and promised a stepped-up police presence near mosques as the holy month of Ramadan draws to a close. The attack unfolded as an elderly man was receiving first aid from members of the public in an unrelated incident. The man later died, though it is not yet clear whether his death was linked to the attack, said Neil Basu, the police senior national counter-terror coordinator.

Witness Abdiqadir Warra said the van "drove at people" and that some of the victims were carried for several meters along the road. "He was shouting: 'All Muslims, I want to kill all Muslims'", another witness, Khalid Amin, told BBC television. Ten people were hurt, all Muslims, with eight requiring hospital treatment. Two were in a very serious condition, police said. Basu praised locals for detaining the man, saying their "restraint in the circumstances was commendable".

France and Germany quickly condemned the attack and Egypt's Al-Azhar institution, the leading authority in Sunni Islam, condemned it as "sinful" and urged Western countries to take steps against Islamophobia. "Al-Azhar affirms its total rejection of this terrorist, racist, sinful act, calling on Western countries to take all precautionary measures to limit the phenomenon of Islamophobia," it said in a statement. US President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump expressed

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5 LOVE LANGUAGES

By Tony Braun

According to Islam, a husband and wife should show each other kindness, mercy, and love. This following verse is taken from the Yusuf Ali translation, chapter 30, verse 21: And among His signs is this, that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that ye may dwell in tranquility with them, and He has put love and mercy between your (hearts): verily in that are signs for those who reflect.

In Kuwait, I find that lots of expats are trying to get married. After couples get married, they often find that some cultural adjustments are required. One thing that doesn't change from culture to culture is love. While the number one desire of men is to be respected, the number one desire of women is to be loved. This is true whether you are in Kuwait, or any other part of the world. Most men understand a woman's need for love but many men don't understand how to love.

According to Gary Chapman, in his book "The Five Love Languages", there are 5 ways that we can show love to others. They are giving gifts, words of affirmation, touching, spending time together, and acts of service. First of all, some women need gifts. When you give a gift, it sends the message that you were thinking about the person when they were not there. In some European cultures it is common for the men to bring a flower to their wife almost on a daily basis.

Gifts don't have to be elaborate but they should be thoughtful. Just like in European countries, in Kuwait, gift-giving is built right into the culture. It is an important part of daily life. Some women need to hear their husband say nice things to them, such as "I love you".

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PARIS CHAMPS-ELYSEES 'ATTACK'

CAR CRASHES INTO POLICE VAN

PARIS: A car loaded with gas canisters rammed into a police van on the Champs-Elysees avenue in Paris yesterday, leaving the driver dead in what the interior minister said was an attempted attack. Police sources said that a Kalashnikov rifle, handguns and gas bottles were found in the white Renault Megane. Video showed orange smoke pouring from the car after the impact as the vehicle sat in the middle of the prestigious avenue which is lined with shops and cinemas.

The police and the army have consistently been attacked by extremists in France. "Security forces have

been targeted in France once again," Interior Minister Gerard Collomb said, calling the incident an "attempted attack". The weapons and explosives found in the vehicle "could potentially blow this car up," he added. Interior ministry spokesman Pierre-Henry Brandet said bomb disposal experts were on the scene to "ensure the vehicle poses no further danger."

Later, the doors of the car and the bonnet were open as it was searched. No police or bystanders were injured in the incident near the Grand Palais

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WATANIYA AIRWAYS TO START OPERATION

KUWAIT: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has handed over an Air Operators' Certificate (AOC) to Wataniya Airways, boosting number of national carriers in Kuwait International Airport, DGCA President said. Sheikh Salman Al-Sabah made the remarks during the signing of the operation agreement with Wataniya Airways Board Chairman Ali Al-Fozan, hoping the carrier would boost commercial transportation in Kuwait.

He said the government of Kuwait is keen on developing commercial transportation and thus create the legislative environment for air transport.

The DGCA, he added, hoped the new terminal would be ready by 2021 to contain more passengers. Al-Fozan said the aviation sector was a great tool to development and would contribute to creation of jobs. He said Wataniya

sought to develop national human resources and create job opportunities for the Kuwaiti youth "to take over the company's command positions in near future." Wataniya Airways, said Al-Fozan, would be using latest technologies, and follow operations and travel-related measures applied by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Air Transport Bureau (ICAO). — KUNA



AT SEA: Photo shows an F/A-18E Super Hornet launching from the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D Eisenhower in the Gulf. A US F/A-18E Super Hornet shot down a Syrian regime plane on June 18, 2017, after it dropped bombs on US-backed forces fighting the Islamic State group in northern Syria. —AFP

US SHOOTS DOWN SYRIAN WARPLANE

BEIRUT: An American fighter jet has for the first time downed a Syrian warplane that Washington accused of attacking US-backed fighters, in a new escalation between the United States and regime forces. The incident further complicates the country's six-year war and comes as a US-led coalition and allied fighters battle to oust the Islamic State group from its Syrian bastion Raqqa.

Government ally Iran also Sunday launched missiles from its territory against alleged IS positions in eastern Syria for the first time, in response to an IS-claimed attack in Tehran. Analysts say neither Washington nor President Bashar Al-Assad's regime appear to be seeking further confrontation, but warn that the risks are high in Syria's increasingly crowded battlefields. The Syrian jet was shot down on Sunday evening after

regime forces engaged fighters from the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), an alliance battling with US support against IS, in an area close to Raqqa.

The American F/A-18E Super Hornet shot down the Syrian SU-22 around 7:00 pm as it "dropped bombs near SDF fighters" south of the town of Tabqa, the coalition said in a statement. It said that several hours earlier, regime forces had attacked the SDF in another town near Tabqa, wounding several and driving the SDF from the town. The coalition said the Syrian warplane had been shot down "in accordance with rules of engagement and in collective self-defense of Coalition partnered forces".

Syria's army disputed the account, saying its plane was hit while "conducting a mission against the terrorist Islamic State group."

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MUSLIM GIRL ASSAULTED, MURDERED IN VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA: A 17-year-old American Muslim girl was beaten and abducted after leaving a mosque in Virginia on Sunday by a man who police later arrested on suspicion of murder after her body was found dumped in a pond, authorities said. The attack spurred an outpouring of grief and horror in a Muslim community that has been gathering to pray at the All Dulles Area Muslim Society mosque about 30 miles outside Washington in observance of the last 10 days of Ramadan.

The attack happened early on Sunday after the victim and several friends walking outside the mosque got into a dispute with a motorist in the community of Sterling, the Fairfax County Police Department said in a statement. At one point, the motorist got out of his car and assaulted the girl, police said. The teen was reported missing by her friends who scattered during the attack and could not find her afterwards, touching off an hours-long search by authorities in Fairfax and Loudoun counties.

At around 3 pm, the remains of a female believed to be the teen victim were found in a pond in Sterling, police said. During the search for the missing teen, authorities stopped a motorist "driving suspiciously in the area" and arrested the driver, later identified as identified as Darwin Martinez Torres, 22.

Police obtained a murder warrant that charges Torres for her death, the Fairfax County Police Department said. A police spokeswoman told reporters the attack followed some sort of dispute between the man and the girls, and authorities had not ruled out hate as a motivation for the attack. The number of anti-Muslim bias incidents in the United States jumped 57 percent in 2016 to 2,213, up from 1,409 in 2015, the Council on American-Islamic Relations advocacy group said in a report last month.

While the group had been seeing a rise in anti-Muslim incidents prior to Donald Trump's stunning rise in last year's presidential primaries and November election victory, it said the acceleration in bias incidents was due in part to Trump's focus on militant Islamist groups and anti-immigrant rhetoric. In an incident in London yesterday, a van ploughed into worshippers leaving a mosque, killing at least one person and injuring several in what Britain's largest Muslim organization said was a deliberate act of Islamophobia.

Isra Chaker, a person who said in a Facebook post that she was close to a family friend of the victim in the Virginia incident, said the driver came out with a baseball bat and began swinging it at the girls, Chaker said. "She then went missing (presumably



Photo shows Darwin Martinez Torres, 22, charged with murdering 17-year-old Nabra Hassanen in Sterling, Virginia. — AFP

kidnapped/moved by the suspect) and was found dead this afternoon," Chaker said. An online fundraiser for the girl's family had raised \$61,606 by Sunday evening. Police said a medical examiner will conduct an autopsy to confirm the victim's identity and cause of death, though detectives believe the body found in the pond was the missing girl. — Reuters



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Ethiopian Foreign Minister Dr Workneh Gebeyehu. —Amiri Diwan and KUNA photos

AMIR RECEIVES LETTER FROM ETHIOPIAN PM

AMIR CONDEMNS TERROR ATTACK IN BAHRAIN

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday at Seif Palace First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, along with his Ethiopian counterpart Dr Workneh Gebeyehu and his accompanying delegation. During the meeting, Gebeyehu handed His Highness the Amir a letter from Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn, concerning bilateral ties as well as the latest regional and global developments.

In his letter, the Ethiopian Prime Minister also commended His Highness the Amir's prudence in his efforts to defuse the current Gulf row. The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled and Gebeyehu held a meeting later in which they addressed cooperative relations between both friendly countries, several issues of mutual interest and the latest regional and international developments. The meeting was attended by a number of senior officials of the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah met with Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah. His Highness the Crown Prince then received Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh. His Highness also met Minister of Commerce and Industry and Acting Minister of State for Youth Affairs Khaled Al-Roudhan. His Highness also received Director General of Kuwaiti Public Authority for Sports (PAS) Sheikh Ahmad Monsour Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, as well as Chief of the National Security Apparatus (NSA) Chairman Sheikh Thamer Ali Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah.

Terror attack

In other news, His Highness the Amir sent a cable to Bahraini King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa, expressing his condolences over the victims that fell during the terror bombing in Manama on Sunday. In the cable, His Highness

the Amir Sheikh Sabah displayed Kuwait's strongest condemnation towards the attack that led to the death and injury of several security personnel. His Highness the Amir also said that Kuwait will stand against those eager to cause terror and instability in Bahrain, affirming that Kuwaitis were standing in solidarity with the Bahraini leadership and people. His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah also sent similar cables to the Bahraini Monarch.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Amir sent a cable of condolences to Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, expressing his deepest sympathies for the victims of forest fires that ravaged the municipality of Pedrogao Grande. In his cable, His Highness the Amir wished a speedy recovery for all those wounded in the blazes and hoped Portuguese authorities will overcome this natural calamity. His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister sent similar cables to the Portuguese President. —KUNA



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah.



Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with his Ethiopian counterpart Dr Workneh Gebeyehu.



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh.



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AMIR'S SPEECH SHOWS DOMESTIC, REGIONAL PRIORITIES: SPEAKER

KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem believes His Highness the Amir's Sunday night speech marking Ramadan's last 10 days highlighted Kuwait's domestic and regional priorities. His Highness Sheikh Sabah



Marzouq Al-Ghanem



Essa Al-Kandari

cal and security challenges, His Highness the Amir did not fail to mention human development, especially the role of the youth as a crucial component in achieving stability and expansion.

National and regional concerns

Meanwhile, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Essa Al-Kandari said His Highness the Amir's speech has tackled both national and regional concerns. Kandari said that "though His Highness is focusing on healing the Gulf rift to avoid the dismemberment of the Gulf Cooperation Council and his condemnation of terrorists in all its manifestations, he has never forgot the internal concerns of Kuwait."

He lauded His Highness the Amir's call for more cooperation between the legislative and executive powers to materialize the economic and development aspirations of Kuwaiti people. Kandari wished all success for His Highness the Amir's efforts to iron out Gulf differences. —KUNA

KUWAIT'S HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS SAVE MILLIONS OF REFUGEES: UNHCR OFFICIAL

KUWAIT: The great humanitarian initiatives launched in recent years by Kuwait, led by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, have had a significant impact on saving millions of refugees' lives around the world, a UN official affirmed yesterday.

Kuwait is a vital factor and part of the international efforts to meet urgent humanitarian needs for refugees in the region and across the globe through mobilizing international support, holding international donors' conferences, and urging countries and key donors to honor their commitments, Dr Hanan Hamdan, Head of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Kuwait, said ahead of celebrating World Refugees Day, held annually on June 20th.

In 2016, Kuwait has contributed \$360 million to UNHCR to resolve the crises in Syria and Iraq, Hamdan noted, indicating that the Gulf country was also placed second in donations' value for the Syrian people at the third international donors' conference in 2015, pledging \$500 million.

On the international level, Kuwait is UNHCR's sixth largest donor, she mentioned, adding cooperation and strategic partnerships between the two sides have continued in 2017, where UNHCR and Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) signed a \$10 million-worth agreement to improve the living conditions of Syrian refugees in north Iraq.

The UNHCR's office in Kuwait has had the privilege to cooperate with the Kuwaiti private sector in favor of refugees, signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in 2016 with Zain Group, one the leading telecommunication companies in the country, to support Syrian refugees and improve their situations, in addition to launching a joint e-campaign, entitled #ZainWithRefugees, to raise funds for helping children and their families survive the harsh winter

conditions. Hamdan also valued Kuwait's continued commitment toward the international humanitarian action, and strategic partnership with international humanitarian organizations and UNHCR.

Meanwhile, the UN official mentioned that UNHCR has always been present at the front lines of major humanitarian crises in the world, including Syria, Iraq, Central African Republic, Afghanistan, South Sudan, and Democratic



Dr Hanan Hamdan

Republic of the Congo, affirming the Commissioner's continuous efforts to resolve issue of the largest number of refugees around the world to date.

Over 65.3 million people worldwide were forced to leave their homes, including nearly 21.3 million refugees, among whom are under 18 years of age, Hamdan noted, adding that increasing rate in the number of refugees could cause a "serious humanitarian crisis."

In Somalia, migrations among people, until 2017, has reached some two million Somalis, while internally displaced country has come to some 1.9 million Somalis, she said. In Yemen, around three million people, until 2017, have migrated their cities and towns due to armed conflicts and famine, adding that one million Yemenis have returned to their homes amid continued risky situations.

Furthermore, over 1.8 million people, including one million children, in South Sudan have migrated their country to Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya, Congo, and Central Africa, seeking safety and security, said the UN official.

In Syria, Hamdan said that over five million Syrians have sought refuge in a number of countries in the Middle East, Europe, Canada, US, and Australia, adding that the number of internally displaced persons, until 2017, rose to 6.5 million, including 2.8 million children.

In World Refugee Day, UNHCR commemorates the strength, courage, and perseverance of millions of refugees, she noted, adding that this year; World Refugee Day also marks a key moment for the public to show support for families forced to flee. The UNHCR, also known as the UN Refugee Agency, was established on 14 December 1950 by the UN General Assembly.

The UN agency is mandated to lead and coordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees.

It also strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people. UNHCR provides international protection to refugees who do not enjoy the protection of their governments. —KUNA

EU FMS TO EXPRESS SUPPORT TO KUWAITI MEDIATION EFFORTS

BRUSSELS: European Union (EU) foreign ministers' will discuss the situation in the Gulf region and are expected to express their support to the Kuwaiti mediation to defuse the tensions, senior EU official said. Ahead of the meeting in Luxembourg, EU High Representative Federica Mogherini told reporters that she was personally in contact on daily basis with all the relevant players including the foreign ministers of Kuwait, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. "We are supporting very much the Kuwaiti mediation efforts and I expect today from the ministers another sign and determination of the European Union to back our friends and brothers from Kuwait in this difficult work they are doing. They need our support and we stand ready to help," stressed Mogherini. "Any difficulties and tensions can and



Federica Mogherini

must be solved at the table, by dialogue and politically. No unilateral steps. We invite all to de-escalate tensions and engage in direct dialogue," she said. "It is always possible and even more so among countries that belong to the Gulf Cooperation Council," she noted.

Mogherini added that the EU also has a direct interest in the Gulf countries cooperating among themselves. "They are all our partners in the fight against terrorism. They are all our partners economically. But they are all our partners in trying to solve some of the regional crises," she said. The foreign ministers of the 28-member European bloc will also discuss counter terrorism, EU-NATO cooperation, Iraq and a report on the implementation of the EU's global strategy. —KUNA

KUWAIT CONFUSED OVER RELUCTANCE TO ADDRESS ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

GENEVA: A Kuwaiti diplomat yesterday said that he was bewildered over the selective approaches taken by some nations to the issue of human rights violations in Arab lands occupied by Israel. Addressing the 35th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), Kuwait's Permanent Delegate to the United Nations (UN) Jamal Al-Ghunaim said that some nations' refusal to join discussions over Israeli human rights violations is tantamount to veiled support of Israel.

Moreover, he noted that it was imperative to have continued dialogue over the worsening humanitarian

conditions in Arab lands occupied by Israel, an issue that makes up the seventh item on the agenda of the 35th UNHRC session. The Kuwaiti envoy underscored the need for Israel to abide by UN resolution 2334, which states that Israeli settlement activity in Palestinian territories is legally null and void.

Ghunaim also spoke of Kuwait's humanitarian obligation to support the Palestinian people until their aspirations for statehood and sovereignty come to fruition. The 35th UNHRC session, which runs from June 6-23, delves into human rights issues through reports produced by specialists. —KUNA



KUWAIT TO BUILD ARTIFICIAL LIMBS, ABDALI MEDICAL CENTERS

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Minister of Health Dr Jamal Al-Harbi said Sunday the ministry was carrying out a number of projects nationwide, including the artificial limbs center and Al-Abdali medical center. Harbi, in a statement after laying the cornerstone of Abdulrazzaq Zalzalah Medical Center in Dasma Area, said the health projects aimed at improving medical care in all areas in Kuwait.

He said the ministry of health was also considering provision of heart-rate monitors in primary health centers with the objective of helping save patients' lives. The some KD one million (around USD 3.3 million) two-storey Zalzalah medical center is built on some 2,000 square meters, he added. The center, to be built in 18 months, will provide preventive and rehabilitation medical care as part of the primary health care, said Harbi. The center, he added, would also include clinics for children, diabetics, dental care, x-rays, a laboratory, chronic diseases and elderly care. —KUNA

CABINET APPLAUDS AMIR'S RAMADAN SPEECH

KUWAIT: The Kuwait Cabinet yesterday heaped praise on the speech delivered by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Sunday on the occasion of the last ten days of the holy month of Ramadan. The cabinet said in a statement following its customary weekly meeting presided over by His Highness Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah that His Highness the Amir had urged national unity but decried differences and disputes. It also quoted His Highness the Amir as having hoped that inter-Gulf tensions would be defused and disagreements be resolved by dialogue, based on the fact that the GCC countries share the same bonds and destiny.

The cabinet appreciated His Highness the Amir's directives and vowed to fully commit to implementing them, wishing Kuwait more progress and welfare under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince.

His Highness the Prime Minister briefed the cabinet on the outcomes of the recent visit by King Abdullah II of Jordan to Kuwait, where both sides discussed how to further promote and develop bilateral relations and the latest regional and international developments.

First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah elaborated on the outcomes of the recent visit by Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut

Cavusoglu to Kuwait, during which officials from both countries exchanged views on the current situation on both regional and international arenas. Moreover, the cabinet welcomed a planned visit by Iraqi President Haider Al-Abadi to the State of Kuwait on Wednesday, which comes within the framework of cooperative relations between both countries in all fields.

Meanwhile, the ministers deplored the recent fire that engulfed a multi-apartment building in London, together with a van attack that targeted Muslims at a mosque in London, which left one person dead and 10 others wounded. In this context, the cabinet reiterated Kuwait's full support to all measures taken by the UK to safeguard its security and stability.

It also condemned a recent missile attack by Houthi militias on a UAE ship off the Yemeni coast, in addition to a bombing by Houthi militants on a three Saudi trucks in Yemen in breach of international peace and security. Finally, the Kuwaiti cabinet denounced an explosion in Bahrain's Al-Draz Village, which left one policeman dead and another two wounded. In this regard, the cabinet reiterated Kuwait's support to all measures taken by the Bahraini government to uphold this Gulf country's security and stability and to fight such terrorist acts that aim at disrupting its security and stability. —KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chairs the Cabinet's weekly regular session yesterday. —KUNA



TWO DEAD IN ABDALI HIGHWAY ACCIDENT

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Two unidentified people were killed yesterday after they lost control over their vehicle and rammed into a lamp post along Abdali highway. The car overturned and caught fire, said security sources, noting that the two men burned to death.

Building fire

Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) said firefighters were dispatched to control a fire in an under-construction building in Farwaniya. The fire was controlled and prevented from spreading to other parts of the building. Initial investigations showed a spark from a welding process started the fire. No casualties were reported.



Dr Saleh Al-Ojairi

By A Saleh and Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Veteran Kuwaiti astronomer and meteorologist Dr Saleh Al-Ojairi announced that Sunday, June 25th will be the first day of Eid Al-Fitr. Speaking during a visit conducted by Kuwait Science Club members on the occasion of the last 10 days of Ramadan, Ojairi hailed the efforts exerted to develop the Kuwait Science

Club and the training courses it provides. Ojairi also appreciated the visit by some of the club's board members to discuss his prediction of Eid. As the Science Club's Honorary Chairman, Ojairi stressed that his relationship with the club goes back long years, even before the club was founded. Kuwait

Science Club's Secretary General Ali Al-Jumaa hailed the role Dr Ojairi has been playing for over 35 years. He stressed that the club members' visit during the last 10 days of Ramadan reflect the constant cooperation between the club and its honorary chairman.

Water cut

Ministry of Electricity and Water's (MEW) Undersecretary Mohammed Boshehri said water supply was disconnected at the Amiri Hospital on Sunday by maintenance operations within the hospital. Boshehri stressed that MEW technicians had not done any repair work inside the hospital and that it was the contractor hired by the hospital who disconnected water supplies to repair the hospital's internal water grid.

Meeting postponed

The parliamentary interior and defense committee entrusted with investigating the forging of Kuwaiti citizenships will invite Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem to testify about the information he has, panel member MP Salah Khorsheed said. Khorsheed explained that the

investigation committee had been scheduled to meet in Ramadan, but the meeting was postponed because the speaker travelled to Saudi Arabia for Omrah. "Accordingly, the meeting will be held after the Eid Al-Fitr holiday," he underlined, noting that the committee will also receive Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah for the same reason.

Final report

A Ministry of Public Works (MPW) committee investigating the Mangaf underpass flooding submitted its final report, including four recommendations to Minister Abdul Rahman Al-Mutawa, said informed sources. The sources added that the recommendations included considering the contractor as an opponent in all 20 cases filed by citizens against MPW demanding compensation for repairing the damage to their vehicles. The recommendations also included referring the executing company to the public prosecution and referring a number of MPW employees responsible for the contract to the ministry's legal affairs investigation department.

BOEING, ALAFCO ANNOUNCE COMMITMENT FOR 20 737 MAX 8s

LE BOURGET, Paris: Boeing and Kuwait-based ALAFCO Aviation Lease and Finance Company (ALAFCO) announced a commitment for 20 737 MAX 8s at the 2017 Paris Airshow, valued at \$2.2 billion at current list prices.

ALAFCO, a global provider of commercial aircraft leasing products, already has unfilled orders for 20 737 MAX airplanes and was also one of the first Middle East customers for the 787 Dreamliner. The new commitment when finalized, will boost the lessor's order to 40 737 MAXs.

"As a lessor, we are committed to provide our global customer base with technologically-advanced aircraft," said Ahmad Alzabin, chief

executive officer and vice-chairman, ALAFCO. "Fuel efficiency, operational reliability and efficiency are key factors for our airline customers and the 737 MAX will help us meet those demands in the single-aisle market."

The 737 MAX family has been designed to offer customers exceptional performance, flexibility and efficiency, with lower per-seat costs and an extended range that will open up new destinations in the single-aisle market.

"ALAFCO's commitment to purchase 20 more 737 MAXs is an excellent endorsement of the aircraft which is already the fastest-selling airplane in Boeing history," said Ihssane Mounir, senior

vice president, Global Sales and Marketing, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "We are very pleased with this opportunity to help expand ALAFCO's single-aisle portfolio with the 737 MAX and look forward to strengthening and growing this partnership even further."

The 737 MAX incorporates the latest technology CFM International LEAP-1B engines, Advanced Technology winglets, Boeing Sky Interior, large flight deck displays, and other improvements to deliver the highest efficiency, reliability and passenger comfort in the single-aisle market. The 737 MAX is the fastest-selling airplane in Boeing history.



KUWAIT'S TRADE SURPLUS WITH JAPAN NEARLY DOUBLES

TOKYO: Kuwait's trade surplus with Japan nearly doubled to JPY 48.2 billion (\$433 million) from a year earlier in May, as exports remained strong, the Finance Ministry said yesterday. The surplus jumped by 95.7 percent, up for the fifth month in a row, the ministry said in a preliminary report.

Kuwaiti overall exports to Japan surged 66.1 percent year-on-year to JPY 61.1 billion (\$549 million) for the fifth consecutive month of expansion. Imports from Japan also grew 5.9 percent to JPY 12.8 billion (\$116 million), up for the first time in nine months. Kuwait maintained monthly black ink with Japan for nine years and four months.

Middle East's trade surplus with Japan also jumped 47.3 percent to JPY 468.8 billion (\$4.2 billion) last month, with Japan-bound exports from the region rising 24.1 percent from a year earlier. Crude oil, refined products, liquefied natural gas (LNG) and other natural resources, which accounted for 94.5 percent of the region's total exports to Japan, increased 24.2 percent. The region's overall imports from Japan declined 16.9 percent, due to weaker demand for vehicle and machinery. The world's third-biggest economy logged a global deficit of JPY 203.4 billion (\$1.8 billion million) in May, slipping back into the red for the first time in four months, as soaring energy costs offset a pick-up in exports, according to the ministry. —KUNA

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KIB HOLDS ANNUAL RAMADAN GHABQA FOR ITS EMPLOYEES

KUWAIT: Kuwait International Bank (KIB) recently organized its Annual Ramadan ghabqa, as part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen ties between employees and promote the internal culture of teamwork, which brought together its executive management, members of the Fatwa and Sharia Board, and employees from across the Bank. The evening proved to be fun-filled and enjoyable, featuring an array of crowd-pleasing activities and games, as well as valuable prizes distributed to winners. A number of the Bank's leadership were also in attendance, including Raed Jawad Bukhamseen, Vice Chairman of the Board.

In the evening's opening speech, Manager of Corporate Communications, Nawaf Najia, said: "This year's ghabqa is a particularly special one, and carries great meaning to us all. On the one hand, it continues our tradition of celebrating social occasions that reflect Kuwait's legacy and cultural heritage, as passed down to us from generation to generation. On the other hand, this year's ghabqa coincides with us celebrating the milestone of 10 years since our transformation into an Islamic bank."

Najia further noted that "10 years and you are the heroes of our story" is the theme of KIB's Ramadan campaign for this year, adding that KIB employees continue to be the true heroes of the Bank's success story thanks to their hard work and dedication. "This year's Ramadan campaign showcases KIB's commitment to the values of generosity and giving, not to mention our dedication to giving back to our community. We are proud to say that this spirit of giving continues to be the driving vision at KIB," said Najia.

Following that, Acting Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer at KIB, Mohamed Said El-Saka addressed the audience. Saka spoke of KIB's efforts since its inception to be a model of leadership and success, as the Bank continues to operate systematically to build a strong, solid banking institution that can withstand the challenging economic climate of the market.

Saka also stressed that KIB's employees continue to be the heroes driving the Bank's success story, playing a key role in helping the Bank to get to where it is today. Significant milestones reached during the past year were also highlighted. He further noted that the Bank has reaped numerous successes and achievements over the course of the past decade, and will continue to strive to achieve even greater success in its quest to become the "Islamic Bank of Choice in Kuwait".

The ghabqa hosted KIB's annual employee recognition awards, which featured several honors ranging from the "Ambassador Award" honoring employees who have had exceptional contributions towards bolstering the KIB brand, to the "Kuwaiti Graduate Award" honoring exceptionally talented local graduates. At the end of the event, the best performing team in each department was honored with the "Team Award."

The evening also included fun and exciting activities that kept the spirit of friendly competition alive amongst employees. The event concluded with a number of draws on valuable prizes for attendees, followed by a buffet dinner and the distribution of girgian gifts.



KUWAIT

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Kuwaiti pearl diving ships docked in April, 1924, in preparation for the start of the pearling season in mid-May. (Source: 'Kuwait in the Eyes of Early Photographers,' by William Facey, Gillian Gran, London 1989. Prepared by Mahmoud Zakaria Abu Alella, heritage researcher in the Ministry of Information)



Mohammed Mamluk

BE TOLERANT WITH OTHERS

By Nawara Fattahova

Each of us can contribute to making Kuwait a better place for all of us to live. In our daily deeds and actions, we can find - if we choose to look - opportunities for improving Kuwait's environment. From not littering on the streets, to choosing to be kind and helpful to others, each individual here can have a positive impact on the society as a whole. Kuwait Times wants to know what can you do?

Mohammed Mamluk, an Egyptian citizen who has been living in Kuwait for over 16 years, believes that good behavior and morals are very important to improve life in Kuwait. He answered to the question of how to improve this country as follows:

"To be tolerant with other people will definitely improve life in our society. This includes relaxed driving instead of being nervous and provoking people on street. Even if we meet with an accident we should not get angry and start shouting or fighting with others. We should follow the same way of dealing with people if they hit us accidentally in a market or other crowded public places.

"Not smoking in public places is a civilized behavior and will make Kuwait better. Also, respecting traffic laws, environmental rules, and not littering to keep streets, parks and public places clean will all improve the society we live in. "We should also behave according to humanity rules. So even if we were discussing any issues we should do that in a civilized way without shouting to reach positive results. Furthermore, people should respect the traditions of the Kuwaiti community and wear decent clothes to make Kuwait better."

KFH TAKES PART IN ORGANIZING QIYAM PRAYER AT RASHID MOSQUE VOLUNTARY TEAM PROVIDED HOSPITALITY SERVICE

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) took part in organizing Al-Qiyam prayer held at Al-Rashid Mosque in Adailiya as part of its social responsibly and in continuation of its eventful Ramadan program and charitable activities. KFH voluntary team provided hospitality service to worshippers and the personnel at the mosque. This step contributes in further bolstering KFH relationship with the society, yet reinforces KFH pioneering role in assuming the social responsibility. It is worth noting that KFH's team

worked in collaboration with the concerned parties to organize Al-Qiyam prayer at Al-Rashid Mosque. Such initiatives underline KFH's interest in having strong social and humanitarian relationships with the society, yet reflect its firm belief in its ongoing commitment to assume social and humanitarian responsibility. Meanwhile, The Administration of the Capital Mosques applauded KFH's initiative and expressed their thanks and gratitude to the bank.



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KUWAIT: Worshippers performed the Qiyam Prayer on the 24th night of Ramadan at Al-Rashid Mosque and other mosques around Kuwait. Muslims observe the Laylat Al-Qadr (night of power) during the last ten nights of the holy month. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



KUWAIT: The Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) distributed gifts to worshippers during Taraweeh Prayer performed during the last ten days of Ramadan.

OOREDOO CONTINUES TO DISTRIBUTE IFTAR MEALS

THROUGH ITS IFTAR TENT AND OOREDOO VOLUNTEER TRUCK

KUWAIT: Ooredoo, Kuwait's fastest network, is continuing its iftar meal distribution across Kuwait, through its iftar tent placed opposite its head office and its volunteer program truck, which visits different areas across Kuwait where close to laborers residential areas. The initiatives are executed by Ooredoo's own volunteer program members, led by the company's Corporate Communications department in collaboration with Spread the Passion non-profit organization.

Ooredoo stated that supporting volunteer

work stems from its deep-rooted values of caring, connecting and challenging, noting that this support comes to foster an environment that supports volunteer work and giving selflessly to help others, noting that this is especially true during the holy month of Ramadan which instills the values of caring for others.

Ooredoo is also proud to be working with different entities, such as the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science and the non-profit organization Spread the Passion which have put together a training program for youth,

with lectures and workshops delivered by people with expertise in the field of volunteer work.

Empowering youth is among Ooredoo's top priorities through its CSR strategy. The company has recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs, to support youth projects and initiatives, making it the first telecom provider in Kuwait to sign such a high-level agreement. Ooredoo is continuously working with the Ministry to enrich youth experience in a variety of fields, with a focus on volunteerism.





Trump slams ‘witch hunt’, but lawyer insists no probe

ISRAEL CUTS BACK GAZA ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES

QATAR WANTS ‘BLOCKADE’ LIFTED BEFORE TALKS

UAE: ISOLATION COULD LAST ‘YEARS’ • TURKISH TROOPS IN QATAR FOR EXERCISES

DOHA: Qatar’s foreign minister yesterday called on neighboring states to lift their “blockade” of his country before Doha takes part in any negotiations on ending the Gulf diplomatic crisis. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani called measures to isolate Qatar imposed by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and others “an act of aggression”, adding that lifting them was a “pre-condition” for talks. “We have to make it very clear for everyone, negotiations must be done in a civilized way and should have a solid basis and not under pressure or under blockade,” the foreign minister told reporters in Doha. “Qatar under blockade - there is no negotiation. They have to lift the blockade.”

On June 5, Saudi Arabia and allied states cut all ties with Qatar, pulling their ambassadors from the emirate and ordering its citizens to repatriate by June 19. The measures also included closing Qatar’s only land border, banning its planes from using their air-space and barring Qatari nationals from transiting through their airports. Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt, Bahrain and other states accuse Qatar of supporting and funding “terrorism” and of working with regional rival Iran, charges Doha firmly denies.

Sheikh Mohammed’s demand came as a UAE minister warned that Qatar’s diplomatic isolation could “last years.” “We do not want to escalate, we want to isolate,” state minister for foreign affairs Anwar Gargash told journalists during a visit to Paris. “This isolation can take years.” The minister said that while Qatar’s rivals were “betting on time”, a solution could not be brokered until it abandoned its support for “extremist Islamists.” “They have built a sophisticated podium for jihadism and Islamic extremism,” he said. “They support groups linked to Al-Qaeda in Syria, Libya... and in Yemen.” “This state is weaponizing jihadists and Islamists, it is using this as a weapon of influence,” he added. But by applying pressure on gas-rich Qatar through sanctions, “we have a golden opportunity to break this support,” he said.

In the next few days, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt will submit a list of demands to Qatar, which is likely to include the expulsion of radical individuals. “There must be some people who are wise in Qatar and who will prevail, hopefully within the ruling family,” Gargash said. “This is not about regime change, it is about behavior change.”

He called for Western nations including the United States, France, Germany and Britain to help monitor any agreement reached with Qatar to ensure they are not cooperating with



DOHA: Qatari Foreign Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani holds a press conference on Sunday. —AFP

jihadists. “They have the diplomatic clout and technical knowhow,” Gargash added. He said that despite the row, the Gulf nations had pledged to allow the massive US base in Qatar, where 10,000 American soldiers are based, to function normally. The Al-Udeid base, the largest US base in the region, is a key launching pad for military strikes on the Islamic State jihadist group.

Sheikh Mohammed said that Qatar had not received any demands from the Gulf states or from countries seeking a diplomatic solution, including Kuwait, the United States, France and Britain. “Why they didn’t submit their demands yet? For us, there is no clear answer for this,” he said. “But what we have seen until now, there is no solid ground for these demands, that’s why they didn’t submit their demands yet.” The foreign minister added that the economic impact on Qatar had so far proved minimal but added: “We are not claiming we are living in a perfect condition.”

The Gulf political crisis has also affected countries outside the region. “France, UK or the United States - they are strong allies of

Qatar and we have a great deal of cooperation together in terms of military, defense, security, economically,” said Sheikh Mohammed. “So a blockade on Qatar and measures being taken against Qatar in this way is affecting the interests of those countries as well, directly.”

Families separated

Qatar says the sanctions have also brought personal hardship for its citizens who live in neighboring countries or have relatives there. The countries that imposed the sanctions gave Qataris two weeks to leave, which expired yesterday. Thousands of Qataris have been unable to board flights to the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, and cut off from relatives in those countries, in a region where cross-border marriages are common and rulers refer to each other as “brothers”.

The Qatari government communications director, Sheikh Saif, said Saudi, Emirati, and Bahraini families had been “forcibly recalled” yesterday by their governments despite being invited to

stay by Qatar “The humanitarian impact of the blockade is real,” he said. “The social-fabric of GCC population is being torn apart for political reasons and we will not allow ourselves to be a party to this injustice,” he said, referring to the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Media across much of the Gulf has been critical of Qatar over the past month, carrying articles alleging it has conspired with dissidents to destabilize neighboring governments. The three Gulf states and Egypt blocked access to Qatar’s Al-Jazeera satellite news channel and other Qatari news websites. Yesterday, the state-run Qatar News Agency instructed a law firm to file a formal complaint with Ofcom, Britain’s telecommunications regulator, against the Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya news channel and Sky News Arabia for their coverage of Qatar. The British law firm, Carter-Ruck, added that it will be raising concerns regarding Sky’s Abu Dhabi-based subsidiary, Sky News Arabia, as Ofcom considers a proposed multi-billion dollar merger between Sky and 21st Century Fox.

Turkish troops hold exercises

Meanwhile, Turkish troops have arrived in Doha to take part in joint training exercises, Qatar’s defense ministry said yesterday. The first joint drills took place on Sunday at the Tariq bin Ziyad military camp in Doha, the ministry said in a statement carried by the official news agency. The exercises aim to raise “Qatari and Turkish fighting efficiency amid plans for joint operations to fight extremism and terrorism, as well as peacekeeping operations before and after military operations,” said the statement in Arabic. The drills had “been planned for some time” added the statement. Qatar’s state-funded pan-Arab news channel Al Jazeera showed footage of a column of armoured personnel carriers moving through the streets.

Turkey is one of Qatar’s strongest allies. Earlier this month, Ankara fast-tracked a separate agreement to allow troops to be deployed at Turkey’s military base in Qatar. It has also increased food supplies to Qatar after the emirate’s land border was closed. Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu has been one of the figures trying to forge a diplomatic solution to the crisis. And Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has slammed the economic and political isolation of Qatar as “inhumane and un-Islamic”. Last year, Qatar’s Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani was the first foreign leader to phone Erdogan after a failed coup in Turkey. Last week, Qatar’s navy carried out three days of joint training exercises with the US Navy.



A handout picture released on Sunday shows the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) launching a missile from an undisclosed location in western Iran, towards Islamic State (IS) bases in Syria. —AFP

IRAN SENDS MESSAGE WITH MISSILE STRIKE IN SYRIA

TEHRAN: Iran has targeted militants in Syria with missiles in retaliation for deadly attacks in Tehran, but the strike was also a message to its regional rivals and Washington, experts say. Late Sunday, the elite Revolutionary Guards launched six missiles from western Iran into Syria’s mostly Islamic State group-held Deir Ezzor province, hitting an IS command base, the Guards said. The strike was “revenge” for twin attacks in Tehran on June 7 that killed 17 people in the first IS-claimed attacks inside the Shiite-ruled Islamic republic, a Guards spokesman added. As well as punishing “terrorists”, it was intended to show that Iran is capable of projecting military power across the region, officials and experts said. Tehran has devoted vast military and financial resources to propping up the regime of Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad in a six-year civil war. It has also sent thousands of Shiite recruits to fight in Syria and battle IS in neighboring Iraq, according to officials.

But Sunday’s strike was the first known missile attack launched from Iran into foreign territory since the Iran-Iraq war of 1980-88. “The missile attacks were only a small part of Iran’s punitive power against terrorists and enemies,” Guards spokesman General Ramezan Sharif said yesterday. “The Saudis and Americans are especially receivers of this message,” he said. “Obviously and clearly, some reactionary countries of the region, especially Saudi Arabia, had announced that they are trying to bring insecurity into Iran. International and regional supporters of the terrorists must realize the warning message of the missile operation.”

Iran has long accused the United States, Israel and Saudi Arabia of backing “terrorists” - a catch-all phrase for rebels and jihadist groups fighting the Assad regime. US President

Donald Trump meanwhile accuses Iran of backing terrorism - a charge it denies - and has threatened to tear up a 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and major powers.

‘Response’ to Senate vote

The US Senate last week passed tough sanctions on Iran for its alleged “continued support of terrorism”. Iran condemned the move and vowed to respond with “reciprocal and adequate measures”. Alaeddin Boroujerdi, chairman of a parliamentary committee on foreign affairs and national security, called Sunday’s strike “an appropriate response to the US Senate vote”. Analyst Foad Izadi said the strike was intended to convey several messages. “The first message is that Iran punishes terrorists,” he said.

But it was also meant to show that “Iran, in its fight against terrorism, needs missiles - and sanctions have no influence on its defense policies”. Iran’s homemade missiles, which can hit targets up to 2,000 km away, are a major point of tension with Washington and Israel. Tehran argues that in a region engulfed with conflicts and wars, its missiles are an indispensable part of its defensive power. Iran’s weapons program is also a major concern for its arch-rival Saudi Arabia. The two regional heavyweights back opposing sides in several conflicts including in Syria and Yemen. Sunday’s strike came amid rising tensions between Riyadh and Tehran. Izadi said it was partly intended for a Saudi audience. “Riyadh must know that all of its oil regions are within the range of Iranian missiles,” he said.

‘Message to Netanyahu’

Saudi Arabia struck a giant arms deal with Washington this month during President Donald Trump’s visit to the region, which saw

him clearly align his administration with Riyadh and lash out against Tehran. US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said the \$110 billion deal was aimed at helping the kingdom deal with “malign Iranian influence”.

Iran’s Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Ghasemi said yesterday that “unlike others, Iran doesn’t buy security and stability”. Security cannot be traded and those who think they can provide their security by dragging extra-regional countries here are making a stupid strategic mistake,” he said. While Saudi Arabia has spent billions on American weapons, Iran has developed a range of homemade ballistic missiles - including some that are capable of hitting Israel or American military bases in the region.

Izadi said Sunday’s strike on Deir Ezzor, halfway between Iran and Israeli territory, was also meant as a message to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, “who regularly threatens Iran”. “The missiles that were fired are medium range - Iran has long-range missiles with much greater ranges,” he said. Boroujerdi said the strike marked “a new phase in the fight against terrorism”. “So far, we only posted military advisors on the ground in Syria and Iraq,” he said. “But the attack shows we are capable of hitting terrorists hundreds of kilometers away.”

Sunday’s launch also carried religious undertones. The Guard, which answers only to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, called the launch “Operation Laylat al-Qadar”, referring to the night the Holy Quran was first revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). That’s believed to fall in the last 10 days of the holy Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, now underway. The name of the missile, Zolfaghar, is also the name of the sword used by Imam Ali, a cousin of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

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ISLANDS DEAL PITS GOVERNMENT AGAINST COURTS

CAIRO: The past week's tempestuous parliament approval of a deal transferring two Red Sea islands to Saudi Arabia is putting Egypt's government at odds with the judiciary and providing the country's battered opposition with a nationalist cause to whip up at a time of growing economic distress. The surprise 2016 deal to hand over the islands of Tiran and Sanafir aimed to strengthen ties with Saudi Arabia, which has provided distressed Egypt with billions of dollars in grants and soft loans over the past four years. It comes amid fitful efforts to establish an axis of cooperation between two powers vying for leadership of the self-styled moderate Sunni Arab camp - countries which oppose Shiite Iran and are willing to weigh closer ties to Israel.

But the opposition has proven a headache for President Abdel-Fattah Al-Sisi, whose popularity seems to be slipping in the wake of economic liberalization reforms that deeply hurt Egyptians' living standards even while winning global praise. Sisi's government has been gaining greater acceptance by governments internationally, even while facing criticism over its authoritarian policies - defended on security grounds - that include jailing opponents and crushing rights groups.

With parliament's approval of the handover, the dispute over the islands

now pits the legislative and executive branches of government against the judiciary. Courts issued two rulings over the past year that clearly stated the islands belong to Egypt. In Egypt's sometimes murky power structure, it is not clear where such a battle of wills could go. The issue takes on added significance and sensitivity because Tiran controls the only shipping lane leading to the ports of Eilat and Aqaba, in Israel and Jordan respectively. The closure of the so called Tiran Strait was a main trigger of the 1967 Middle East war.

Saudi Arabia's request for the islands and the absence of any official explanation from Cairo or Riyadh has prompted widespread speculation. One scenario says the islands afford the Saudis a say of some sort in renewed Israeli-Palestinian negotiations along with formal contacts with Israel. Another line of speculation says these contacts would contribute toward formulating a joint strategy against Shiite Iran, a nemesis to the Saudis and Israelis alike. Here's a look at some of the issues related to the islands and how they are likely to evolve:

The Agreement

The maritime border demarcation agreement under which Egypt would transfer control of the islands to Saudi Arabia was signed and announced when

Saudi King Salman was visiting Egypt in April 2016. The announcement came as the Saudis unveiled a multibillion-dollar package of soft loans and investments to Egypt, prompting charges the government was handing over the islands in return for Saudi money.

The Courts

A court in June 2016 ruled to annul the transfer of the islands. When the government appealed, a higher court upheld the verdict in January and asserted that the islands were Egyptian. The higher court alluded to official documents, some dating back to Ottoman and British colonial times, showing Cairo's exercise of full sovereignty over the islands over the years and offered a legal opinion that dismissed the agreement as unconstitutional.

The government, meanwhile, filed a case with the Supreme Constitutional Court seeking a ruling on whether the two courts had jurisdiction over the case. That court starts hearings next month, but a panel of constitutional experts already filed a report saying the courts did indeed have jurisdiction. If that's the case, serious doubts would be cast on the legality of parliament's ratification of the deal. That, in turn, would usher in a potentially damaging battle between the legislature and the judiciary. In any

case, Sisi has to sign off on parliament's ratification before the agreement can go into effect. He has yet to and there has been no word on whether he will await the Supreme Constitutional Court's ruling. He will have to tread carefully given the court's weight and the erosion of parliament's credibility over its handling of the agreement.

Parliament

The 596-seat legislature ratified the deal on June 14 after four days of at times vicious arguments. Lawmakers on each side threw around accusations of treason, payments by foreign powers and illegal amassing of wealth. The disorder reinforced critics' charges that parliament is just a tool for the government to carry out its agenda and that many of its members lack the political skills to effectively carry out their duties. The government denies parliament is a rubber-stamp, pointing to the rare cases where it has blocked proposals.

Perhaps most egregiously, Speaker Ali Abdel-Al asserted that judicial rulings on the agreement amounted to nil, a position seen as contemptuous of the judiciary. But only a mass resignation by the around 100 lawmakers who oppose the agreement might embarrass the chamber enough to trigger calls for its dissolution. In the meantime, more than 100

lawmakers have urged Sisi not to sign off on parliament's ratification before the Supreme Constitutional Court's verdict, according to local media.

The Opposition

Activists raged over the issue on social media. But online calls for street protests achieved a meager response, likely a sign of how Egyptians have become fatigued by recent years' instability, cowed by security crackdowns and consumed with economic privations. Police arrested more than 100 activists and demonstrators over the weekend, of whom about half remain in custody, according to rights lawyers. There were a handful of small protests in Cairo Friday, quickly broken up by security forces.

But future street action is possible. "If the government went ahead and handed over the islands to Saudi Arabia, we will consider them occupied and will work toward liberating them by all means available," said one opposition leader, Farid Zahran. An opinion poll conducted by an Egypt-based pollster, Baseera, found that 47 percent of those questioned believed the islands were Egyptian, with only 11 percent saying they were Saudi. The poll, conducted June 11-12, asked 1,164 people. The margin of error was below 3 percent. — AP

ISRAEL REDUCES GAZA POWER AFTER ABBAS CUTS PAYMENT

ENERGY CRISIS PART OF PA-HAMAS DISPUTE

GAZA CITY: Israel yesterday began reducing electricity supplies to the Gaza Strip, despite warnings the move could increase suffering and tensions in the Palestinian enclave. The cut will reduce the mains power flow to Gaza to as little as two hours a day, though many businesses and the wealthy have their own generators. The decision came after the Palestinian Authority (PA), which is based in the occupied West Bank, told Israel it would no longer foot the bill for electricity supplies to Gaza.

It raises concerns of rising tensions and a collapse of vital services in an impoverished and overcrowded territory that has been devastated by three wars with Israel since 2008. Hamas has run Gaza since 2007, when it seized the strip in a near civil war from the Fatah party of Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas, in a dispute over general elections won by the Islamist movement.

Multiple attempts at reconciliation between Hamas and Fatah have failed, but the PA had continued to pay Israel for some electricity delivered to Gaza until this month. Israel "began to reduce electricity flow by eight megawatts" into

the enclave, Gaza's energy authority said. The state-run Israel Electricity Corporation confirmed it had diminished power supplies "in accordance with a government directive".

Yesterday, Israel supplied 120 megawatts of electricity to Gaza a month, which made up about one quarter of the enclave's needs, with the PA paying the 11.3 million euros (\$12.65 million) monthly bill. Since the sole power station in Gaza ran out of fuel and stopped working in April, the 120 megawatts represent 80 percent of available power in the strip. The Israel Electric Corporation said power supply would "effectively be reduced on two lines out of 10 every day, until the reduction applies to all 10 lines".

Total collapse

The Gaza Strip is home to some two million people, more than three-quarters of whom the United Nations says depend on humanitarian aid. The power reductions come despite stark warnings of the humanitarian implications for Gazan civilians, who already suffer from critical shortages of power - with most homes receiving only a few hours even before the cut. Israeli

human rights group Gisha said in a statement yesterday that by reducing supplies "Israel is knowingly aggravating an already dangerous situation in which the strip is teetering on the verge of a humanitarian crisis".

The vast majority of residents are Muslim and are currently observing the holy fasting month of Ramadan. Robert Piper, UN humanitarian coordinator for the Palestinian territories, warned last week that the Palestinians were being "held hostage to this longstanding internal Palestinian dispute". "A further increase in the length of blackouts is likely to lead to a total collapse of basic services, including critical functions in the health, water and sanitation sectors."

Hamas last fought Israel in 2014 and analysts have warned the power reduction could prompt the Islamist group to spark another round of conflict. In a statement Wednesday, Hamas said Israel and Abbas were jointly responsible for the "catastrophic consequences" of the reduction. The statement did not mention war, but called the measures "dangerous". Hamas is considered to be a terrorist group by Israel, the European Union and the United States. — AFP



MOSUL: An Iraqi forces member fires a 23 mm anti-aircraft gun as they advance towards the Old City of Mosul yesterday during an ongoing offensive to retake the last district still held by Islamic State (IS) group fighters.— AFP

IRAQI FORCES PUSH INTO MOSUL, WARN IS 'SURRENDER OR DIE'

MOSUL: Iraqi forces pushed deeper into Mosul's Old City yesterday after launching a final assault on the Islamic State group, warning civilians to stay inside and telling militants to "surrender or die". Iraqi forces launched the operation Sunday to retake the district, the last part of Iraq's second city still held by IS after a months-long offensive. Commanders say the jihadists are putting up fierce resistance and there are fears for more than 100,000 civilians believed to be trapped in the maze of narrow streets.

Staff Major General Maan Al-Saadi, a top commander in Iraq's elite Counter-Terrorism Service (CTS), told AFP that heavy fighting had resumed at dawn yesterday. "At 6:00 am, we pushed deeper into the Old City and took control of new areas in the Faruq neighborhood," he said. "Daesh resistance has been fierce," he said, using an Arabic acronym for the group. "They have blocked every entrance, planted IEDs (improvised explosive devices) and booby trapped houses our forces might be near," he said. "Penetrating was very difficult. Today the fighting is face to face."

The push into Mosul's historic heart on the west bank of the river Tigris marks the culmination of a months-long campaign by Iraqi forces to retake IS's last major urban stronghold in the country. The US-led coalition battling IS in Iraq and neighboring Syria has backed the offensive including with months of air strikes. The loss of Mosul would mark the effective end of the Iraqi portion of the cross-border "caliphate" IS declared in summer 2014 after seizing swathes of Iraq and Syria.

IEDs on remote-controlled toy cars

Sheltering from relentless fire and explosions near a sniper position on the edge of the Old City, CTS captain Ahmed Jassem described a bitter fight. "We can't bring our vehicles into these narrow streets. It means they can't use as many car bombs either, but they use motorcycle bombs and even IEDs mounted on remote-controlled toy cars," he said. Iraqi forces stationed Humvees by the Grand Mosque on the retaken east side of Mosul, facing the Old City and mounted with speakers.

The loudspeakers blared messages to IS fighters, telling them: "You have only this choice: Surrender or die". Late on Sunday, Iraqi forces dropped nearly 500,000 leaflets over the city, warning that they had "started attacking from all directions". The

leaflets urge civilians to "stay away from open places and... exploit any opportunity that arises during the fighting" to escape.

The United Nations has said IS may be holding more than 100,000 civilians as human shields in the Old City. Only a few hundred metres from the heaviest fighting, small groups of civilians gathered, sheltering from the scorching sun more than from mortar rounds falling into the neighborhood. "We moved to a camp in Hammam Al-Alil when the neighborhood was liberated, but homes were being looted so we came back to protect our property," said Nabil Hamed Khattab, a 56-year old who did not flinch when a mortar round came crashing down a few blocks away.

Commanders have said the fighting is expected to be very difficult and could last weeks. Surrounded by Iraqi forces on three sides and blocked on the other by the Tigris River that runs through Mosul, the jihadists are cornered. Iraqi forces launched a vast operation to retake Mosul in October, seizing the city's eastern side in January and starting an assault on its western part in February. The International Rescue Committee, a major aid group operating in Iraq, has warned that already-traumatized civilians risk getting caught up in fierce street fighting. It urged coalition and Iraqi forces to do "everything in their power" to keep civilians safe.

Fears for children

Save the Children warned that some 50,000 children were trapped in the Old City. "They are running out of food and water, and face violence wherever they turn," the charity's Ana Locsin said. Since the start of the battle to retake Mosul, an estimated 862,000 people have been displaced. Around 195,000 have since returned, mainly to the city's east. It was from the Old City's emblematic Al-Nuri mosque in July 2014 that IS chief Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi made his only public appearance. He urged Muslims worldwide to move to the group's "caliphate" straddling Iraq and Syria.

The jihadists have since lost most of the territory they once controlled in the face of US-backed offensives in Iraq and in Syria, where a Kurdish-Arab alliance is advancing on the group's last Syrian stronghold Raqqa. It is not clear how many IS members remain in Mosul, where many foreign fighters have joined local jihadists since the city was taken. — AFP



GAZA: This photo taken on June 13, 2017 shows Palestinian children at home reading books by candlelight due to electricity shortages in Gaza City.—AFP

WEAPONS FOUND ON BOAT AFTER SHOTS FIRED AT SAUDI OILFIELD

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia said yesterday it had seized weapons from a boat captured after the navy fired warning shots at vessels approaching a Gulf oil platform, at a time of tensions with Iran and Qatar. Three small boats entered Saudi territorial waters at about 8:30 pm on Friday and "headed at speed towards platforms of (the) Saudi oil field of Marjan", a government statement said.

Saudi naval forces fired warning shots at the boats, which were carrying "red and white flags", and captured one of the vessels but two escaped, the statement added. The seized boat was "loaded with weapons for subversive purposes", it said, but gave no details.

The statement came two days after Iran accused Saudi Arabia of shooting and killing one of its fishermen. Iran said it was investigat-

ing the Saturday shooting, after two fishing boats may have strayed into Saudi waters. Majid Aghababae, head of border affairs at Iran's interior ministry, said one of the boats was missing after the Saudi coastguard opened fire on the vessels, which had drifted due to high waves. Aghababae said "even if the boats had entered Saudi waters, the coastguard were not authorized to open fire".

Saudi Arabia regularly accuses Iran of interfering in Middle Eastern countries, and has suggested it is linked to instability in the kingdom's east. Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and others severed diplomatic and economic ties with Qatar two weeks ago, accusing Doha of supporting groups, including some backed by Iran, "that aim to destabilize the region". Qatar denies any such support for extremists.— AFP

ABADI VISITS SAUDI AHEAD OF IRAN STOP

JEDDAH: Iraq's Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi arrived in Saudi Arabia yesterday on a tour that will also take him to Riyadh's rival Iran and to Kuwait. His visit comes with the Gulf region in turmoil after Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other allies cut ties with Qatar two weeks ago. They accuse Doha of supporting extremist groups, including some backed by Iran, "that aim to destabilize the region".

Kuwait, which did not follow its neighbors in severing diplomatic relations with Qatar, has been trying to mediate. Abadi is to hold talks with Saudi King Salman, Kuwait's Amir HH Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and Iranian president Hassan Rouhani during his tour of the region. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef greeted Abadi when he landed in the Red

Sea city of Jeddah for the one-day visit, state media reported.

Abadi, from his country's largest Shiite political bloc, arrives at a time of heightened tensions between Sunni-ruled Saudi Arabia and its Shiite-dominated rival Iran. Saudi Arabia cut ties with Iran early last year after years of strained relations. Riyadh has long expressed concern about Iran's "interference" in the region, including through Iraq's paramilitary Hashed Al-Shaabi which has played a major role in reclaiming parts of Iraq seized by the Islamic State group.

Gulf states are also reported to have been angered by a ransom allegedly paid by Doha to Tehran-linked militias earlier this year to secure the release of a hunting party, including members of the Qatari royal family, kidnapped in southern Iraq. — AFP

RICH VENEZUELANS EAT SUSHI, GUZZLE COCKTAILS AMID CHAOS

CARACAS: While most Venezuelans struggle to buy food and make ends meet, a small group still manages to eat sushi and sip cocktails in exclusive discos and country clubs. The country may be stricken by poverty and political violence, but a rich minority acts

like they are untouched by the crisis. Case in point: Caracas, one of the world's most violent cities, is the first in South America to open a branch of the trendy Buddha Bar international nightclub chain.

In a country where basics such as flour and sugar

are in short supply, Buddha Bar guests can order tuna steak, pork ribs or fish tacos - as long as they have dollars to pay. "You can have as good a time here in Caracas as in New York, Dubai or Saint Petersburg," says one of its owners, Cristhian Estephan. Eight pieces of salmon and shrimp sushi here cost 55,700 bolivars, or the equivalent of more than a quarter of the country's official monthly minimum wage.

Stone-throwing, bar-hopping

Scenes of flames, tear gas and water cannons in the streets have dominated foreign coverage of Venezuela during the recent months. While the mass protests against President Nicolas Maduro show that Venezuelans' anger at their hardship is boiling over, the well-off are still managing to have fun. Behind tightly guarded and fortified walls, posh bars and eateries are full. The Buddha Bar opened in 2015, when the economic crisis was already well underway.

One customer, Ahisque, says she joins in the protests herself but still comes to the bar once a week with her husband, an oil executive. Like most customers interviewed, she declined to give her full name. "By day we throw stones and by night we come here," she says. "After the protests it is good to have a moment to relax - though we'll never relax

until this government is gone." Even rich Venezuelans are affected by the country's soaring inflation rate. But protected by their US dollars, they are better off than most. For ordinary Venezuelans, "it's very difficult," says Ahisque's husband. "In this country, if you are not paid in foreign currency, it is impossible to live."

Socialist millionaires

Many rich Venezuelans have left the country for Miami, Los Angeles or Madrid since Maduro's predecessor Hugo Chavez launched his socialist "revolution". But some of them like Lorenzo Mendoza - Venezuela's richest man and the owner of Polar, the country's largest food company - are content to stay. Some are known as "boli-bourgeois," champagne socialists who grew rich from Chavez's "Bolivarian revolution".

"We run when we see the boli-bourgeois. We can spot them a mile off," says Carlos, a 49-year-old lawyer, sitting beside the tree-lined swimming pool near the golf course of the Caracas Country Club in the north of the capital. The rise of the Chavistas changed life for traditional rich families like his. "Everything is really expensive and only they can afford to live around here." — FP



CARACAS: People dine and drink at a nightclub on May 25, 2017. — AFP

COLOMBIA HUNTS 'TERRORISTS' BEHIND DEADLY MALL BOMBING

BOGOTA: Colombia's leaders and main rebel groups pledged Sunday that a mall bombing that killed three women would not disrupt the country's peace process, even as authorities scrambled to find out who was behind the carnage. The victims - two Colombians and a Frenchwoman - perished when a device exploded in a ladies' restroom in the crowded Andino shopping center in Bogota on Saturday. At least nine people were also wounded, officials said. President Juan Manuel Santos called the incident a terrorist attack.

Rebel groups condemned the blast and said it was an attempt to undermine their efforts with the government to end Colombia's half-century civil conflict. Police said the explosion occurred at about 5:00 pm (2200 GMT) on Saturday, sending people running for their lives. "There was a strong boom and the floor shook," said shop worker Milena Carcenas. "There was smoke coming out of the bathroom. People were coming out of there covered in ash."

National police chief General Jorge Nieto told reporters "a device" was placed "behind one of the toilets in the women's bathroom". Authorities have "three concrete hypotheses" on the perpetrators, Santos said Sunday after meeting with investigators, but declined to elaborate to avoid harming the probe. There was a 100 million peso (about \$33,000) reward for "anyone who can give us information to help capture those responsible," he said.

Big blo to peace?

The explosion comes at a delicate time for Colombia's historic peace process. The country's biggest rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), is scheduled to complete its disarmament by today. The last active rebel force, the National Liberation Army (ELN), meanwhile, has started talks with the government, though confrontations with state forces have been continuing. Last year's peace deal with the FARC was initially narrowly rejected by Colombians in a referendum, with critics saying it was too lenient on the rebels.

A redrafted agreement from Santos and the FARC was later pushed through congress. "Those who want to rain on the peace

parade will not succeed," said Santos, who won a Nobel Peace Prize last year for sealing the accord with FARC leaders. "If this (bombing) is that kind of gesture, then rest assured that we will pursue those enemies of peace without rest and without quarter," he said, speaking at the site of the blast. Santos urged Colombians to continue their normal routines and enjoy the Father's Day weekend, even sharing a meal at the Andino mall with his son to reassure the public that it was safe to go there.

'Cowardly terrorist attack'

Bogota Mayor Enrique Penalosa called Saturday's incident "a cowardly terrorist attack". He said the Frenchwoman who died, aged 23, had spent six months working in a school in a poor neighborhood. The leftist ELN said on Twitter it "condemns this deplorable incident," noting that the attack was "against civilians". "We share the pain and stand in solidarity with the victims," the group wrote. "The state should investigate thoroughly to identify those responsible."

The leader of the communist-inspired FARC, Rodrigo Londono - known as Timochenko - also denounced the explosion. "This act can only come from those who want to close the roads of peace and reconciliation," he wrote on Twitter. Dozens gathered at the mall Sunday to pay homage to the victims, jostling to leave flowers and candles at a makeshift memorial. The blast was the second major attack this year in the Colombian capital. In February, the ELN claimed responsibility for a bombing at a bullring in Bogota, which killed a police officer and wounded more than 20 people.

'Far-right paramilitary' theory

Colombia's civil conflict erupted in 1964 over land rights. It drew in leftist guerrillas, right-wing paramilitary groups and state forces. Analyst Victor de Currea-Logo of Colombia's National University said it was unlikely either of the leftist groups involved in the peace drive would have carried out the attack. But he told AFP: "There are some far-right paramilitary-style groups who have been responsible for killing civil leaders and for actions against the peace effort." Efforts to disrupt the process, however, is unlikely, he said, citing public support for peace. — AFP



WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump, with first lady Melania and their son Barron, responds to a reporter's question upon arrival at the White House on Sunday from Camp David in Maryland. — AP

TRUMP DECRIES 'WITCH HUNT', BUT LAWYER INSISTS NO PROBE

US PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS ISSUE OF COMEY TAPES

WASHINGTON: One of Donald Trump's lawyers insisted Sunday that the president was not under criminal investigation as part of the sweeping probe into Russia's alleged meddling in American elections, despite the US leader's tweets angrily calling the whole saga a "distraction". The contradictory messages came after Trump first answered - and seemingly confirmed - reports that he is personally under scrutiny for potential obstruction of justice, tweeting on Friday: "I am being investigated for firing the FBI Director by the man who told me to fire the FBI Director! Witch Hunt!"

But Jay Sekulow, part of Trump's legal team, said the president was writing about reports of an investigation, not an actual probe. "The tweet from the president was in response to the five anonymous sources purportedly leaking info to The Washington Post," Sekulow told NBC television's "Meet the Press." "He's not afraid of the investigation - there is no investigation... there is not an investigation of the president of the United States, period."

The lawyer also suggested Twitter's character limit may be partly to blame. "The president's response was as it related to the Washington Post report. He cannot in a Twitter statement include all of that in there... That's it. Simple explanation," Sekulow told CNN's "State of the Union." Sekulow was referring to a report in the Post this week that said Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russian interference

in November's presidential election was now also trying to determine whether Trump obstructed justice.

Trump's fledgling presidency has been battered by allegations - being dissected both by Congress and the FBI - that Russia interfered to sway the 2016 election in his favor, in possible collusion with the former real estate magnate's campaign team. On Sunday, Trump again referred to the probe, but dismissed it. "The MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN agenda is doing very well despite the distraction of the Witch Hunt. Many new jobs, high business enthusiasm, massive regulation cuts, 36 new legislative bills signed, great new S.C. Justice, and Infrastructure, Healthcare and Tax Cuts in works!" he wrote.

Sekulow said his legal team had not received notice of any probe into Trump. "There has been no notification from the special counsel's office that the president is under investigation. In fact, to the contrary," he told CBS' "Face the Nation," pointing to recent testimony by sacked FBI director James Comey who said the president had not been the target of an investigation. Trump fired Comey in early May.

Tapes next week?

Trump has hinted that he may have taped conversations with Comey - in which the ex-FBI chief says the president pressured him for his loyalty and on the Russia investigation while also urging him to drop a probe into former

national security advisor Michael Flynn. Sekulow said Trump would address the issue of the tapes - whose very existence is unclear - in the "week ahead". Senator Marco Rubio, who lost the Republican primary election to Trump, called for a "full and credible investigation". He sits on the Senate Intelligence Committee, which is conducting its own probe into Russian election meddling.

Angus King, an independent who caucuses with the Democrats, estimated that investigators are just 20 percent into their probe, which could last for months. "I can say categorically that the collusion or cooperation aspect of the investigation is not over," the Maine senator told "Meet the Press," adding that the probe could be done by the end of 2017. "This is a very complex matter, involving thousands of pages of intelligence documents, lots of witnesses."

Trump returned to the White House on Sunday after spending Father's Day weekend at the Camp David presidential retreat. He told reporters upon his return that the western Maryland mountain retreat is "incredible" and "beautiful," later tweeting that it is "a very special place". "An honor to have spent the weekend there. Military runs it so well and are so proud of what they do!" he posted. First Lady Melania Trump also sent a tweet on Sunday: "#HappyFathersDay @POTUS," she said, referring to her husband by his official Twitter handle and adding a heart emoticon. — AFP



BOGOTA: People attend a tribute for the victims a day after three women were killed in a bomb attack at the Andino mall on Sunday. — AFP

KUSHNER HEADS TO MIDEAST

WASHINGTON: Jared Kushner is traveling to the Middle East this week to continue work toward a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians. A White House official said the senior aide and son-in-law to President Donald Trump will arrive tomorrow for meetings in Jerusalem and Ramallah. Jason Greenblatt, Trump's international envoy, was to arrive yesterday. The official said Kushner and Greenblatt will hear from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and their senior advisers.

Trump made a personal appeal for peace during a visit to Israel last month. He has cast Middle East peace as the "ultimate deal," putting Kushner and Greenblatt in charge of the charting the course. In remarks in the Middle East, Trump called on both sides to put aside

the "pain and disagreements of the past." But he did not offer any details on how to move forward and avoided issues that have stymied all previous attempts at a peace agreement, including the status of Jerusalem, Israeli settlement construction and the Palestinians' demand for a sovereign nation.

Former Presidents Bill Clinton, George W Bush and Barack Obama all tried and failed to achieve a peace deal. The White House official - who was not authorized to speak publicly about the trip - said an agreement will take time, adding that there are likely to be many more visits by Kushner and Greenblatt to the region, as they seek common ground. The Wall Street Journal first reported that Kushner was making the trip. Jared Kushner is traveling to the Middle East this week to work toward a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians. — AP

LIBERAL GROUPS FOCUS ON IVANKA TRUMP

WASHINGTON: Getting nowhere with her father, liberal advocacy groups have been looking for an ally in Ivanka Trump. They haven't had much luck. In recent weeks, activists have been appealing to the younger Trump for help on climate change, international labor conditions and immigration. But the first daughter, an influential adviser to President Donald Trump in her own right, largely has sought to stay out of the fray. Still the efforts underscore the politically charged position she occupies as she seeks to advance a positive agenda while avoiding weighing in publicly on her father's more controversial policies.

The most high-profile campaign directed at the president's daughter has come from New York-based China Labor Watch, which has been investigating working conditions at factories in China that have made Ivanka Trump products. The group on Thursday renewed a call for her to speak out about the detention of activists involved in the investigation and on their findings about labor conditions. They said they have sent a second letter to her at the White House to raise concerns.

Ivanka Trump's brand has sought to distance itself from the manufacturer under scrutiny, saying the company last made its products three months ago. Trump, who spent the past week promoting the administration's efforts on job training, did not respond to requests for com-

ment. With her focus on issues that typically draw liberal or bipartisan support, Ivanka Trump has left many with an impression that she does not share some of her father's policies. But she avoided weighing in publicly on her father's travel ban, border wall, proposed budget cuts or the Paris agreement, leading liberal critics to question her influence.

Now some groups are trying to spur her to

act. Before the president announced he would exit the Paris climate accord, the Natural Resources Defense Council started an online petition asking people to email and call Ivanka Trump to push her father to stay in the deal. The call for action implored people to "raise a massive outcry" and ask her to "do everything in her power to persuade the president to keep our promise". "As we began hearing he was leaning in the direction of pulling out, we threw a Hail Mary," said Ben Smith, the group's digital advocacy director, adding that they sought to "appeal to what seems to be a well-reported story that she's sympathetic". Smith said 50,000 people signed the petition, "which is on the higher end of the performance scale for us."

Last week, Amnesty International launched a campaign that seeks to educate Ivanka Trump on their efforts to shut down a residential center in Pennsylvania that houses detained immigrant parents and children. The advocates say the facility, which has a contract with the Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, is a detention center. "She says she cares about women and kids and child care. She says she wants to use this power she now has. We're following up on that," said Naureen Shah, senior director of campaigns for the US section of Amnesty International. Shah added: "It's not a shaming campaign. She says she wants to do it." — AP



Ivanka Trump

79 PEOPLE PRESUMED DEAD IN LONDON TOWER FIRE

LONDON: Seventy-nine people are dead or missing and presumed dead following a devastating blaze in a London tower, police said yesterday, as

Britain held a minute's silence for the victims. "I'm afraid to say there are now 79 people that we believe are either dead or missing and I sadly have to pre-

sume are dead," police commander Stuart Cundy told reporters. Police had earlier put the toll from Wednesday's inferno at 58 presumed dead. He said only five people had been formally identified so far by police. Officers had earlier warned that some may never be identified due to the condition of their remains.

Cundy said the search and recovery operation was ongoing in the burnt-out 24-storey tower, which was built in 1974 and had received a major refurbishment that was completed last year. "This is an incredibly distressing time for families and they have my commitment that we will do this as quickly as we possibly can," he said. Cundy promised an "exhaustive" criminal investigation into the fire that would also look at the refurbishment.

"We will go where the evidence may take us," and do everything possible "to ensure that those responsible will be brought to justice," he said. "If I identify... an issue that is a risk to public safety, we will be sharing that immediately with the relevant authorities," he added. The fire has prompted warnings about fire safety risks in many other council tower blocks built in the same era.



LONDON: Handout picture released by the Metropolitan Police shows the inside of the Grenfell Tower in west London after a fire engulfed the 24-storey building. —AFP

Death toll warning

Cundy warned that the toll of 79 people could change. "I believe there may be people who were in Grenfell Tower that people may not know were missing and may not have realized they were in there on the night. "Equally, there may be people who thankfully may have managed to escape the fire and for whatever reason have not let their family or friends or police know," he said. By the blackened Grenfell Tower, firefighters took off their helmets and stood still to observe the minute's silence, some with their arms around each other's shoulders.

Other emergency service workers stood with their hands behind their backs and their helmets on the ground. Distressed women were seen hugging after the silence. London fire chief Dany Cotton told BBC radio that it might be "some days yet" before firefighters could say they have reached everyone in the building. She also defended the fire service's advice for people to stay in their flats during tower block fires, saying that having everyone evacuate from such blocks through a single staircase would cause further injuries and hamper

efforts to put out smaller blazes. She said firefighters did not know "why the fire spread in that absolutely unusual and extraordinary way." "Until we do that, we cannot look at anything other than staying with the same advice."

17 patients in hospital

The National Health Service said that 17 patients were still being treated in hospital, of whom nine remain in critical condition. Prime Minister Theresa May was to chair another meeting of top officials in response to the tragedy. London police on Sunday released images taken within the tower, saying conditions inside verged on the "indescribable". Photos and videos published by the Metropolitan Police show the gutted wreckage of apartments. With blackened rubble strewn across the floor and exposed pipes, one room is unrecognizable as a home until a bath and sink come into view - the dividing wall destroyed completely by the fire. The remnants of an exercise bike, an oven and washing machine point to the lives of residents in the moments before the blaze. The images were taken by a recovery team inside the 120 flats. —AFP

MACRON WINS STRONG MAJORITY FOR REFORM

LE PEN ENTERS PARLIAMENT FOR FIRST TIME, PS ROUTED

PARIS: President Emmanuel Macron was poised to forge ahead with his pro-EU, pro-business reforms yesterday after his centrist party redrew France's political map with a resounding victory in parliamentary elections. Although it fell short of a predicted landslide, Macron's Republic on the Move (REM) and its allies won 350 seats in the 577-seat

vote surveys. "A profoundly renewed political generation takes over the reins of legislative power," wrote editorialist Alexis Brezet in the right-leaning daily Le Figaro.

Macron's confident start at home, where he has concentrated on trying to restore the lost prestige of the president, and his bold action on the international stage has inspired a raft

from the bloc. The staunch Europhile - in stark contrast to presidential rival Marine Le Pen - will take part in his first EU summit Thursday and Friday in Brussels. He wants a leadership role in countering the kind of nationalism that far-right leader Le Pen represents, which spurred the Brexit vote and helped propel Donald Trump to the US presidency.

Republicans, while Le Pen's National Front (FN) had a disappointing night. Le Pen entered parliament for the first time in her career in one of eight seats won by the FN. But Le Pen's nationalist party fell well short of its 15-seat target that would have allowed it to form a parliamentary group with a role in setting the agenda. She insisted the FN would still be a key player, saying: "We are the only force of resistance to the watering down of France, of its social model and its identity."

The Socialists (PS) were the biggest losers, punished for the high unemployment, social unrest and lost national confidence that marked their five years in power. The party of Macron's predecessor Francois Hollande shed more than 250 seats, obtaining just 29. The Republicans and their allies fared better, hanging on to 131 seats, down from over 200 in the last parliament, and remaining the main opposition party.

The conservative party had enough seats to "defend its convictions," said the party's leader for the elections, Francois Baroin, calling on Macron to heed the record low turnout, which he said sent "a message". Melenchon's hard-left France Unbowed won 17 seats as it also struggled to maintain the momentum it had during the presidential election. Only 140 incumbents held onto their seats, which they will occupy alongside no fewer than 424 new members, characterized by younger, more ethnically diverse lawmakers.

More women lawmakers

And women will make up 38.6 percent of the new parliament, compared with 25.8 percent in the outgoing parliament - a figure that placed France 63rd in the world for women in parliament, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Around half of REM's candidates are virtual unknowns drawn from diverse fields of academia, business or local activism. The other half are a mix of centrists and moderate left- and right-wing politicians drawn from established parties including ally MoDem. —AFP

Not a 'blank cheque'

Macron's detractors point to a record-low turnout of just under 44 percent in Sunday's polling, saying he cannot claim to enjoy a deep vein of support. Radical left leader Jean-Luc Melenchon described it as "a sort of civic general strike". The Macron team acknowledged the criticism, with government spokesman Christophe Castaner admitting: "We got a clear majority but at the same time, the French people didn't want to sign a blank cheque."

REM routed the Socialists and heavily defeated the rightwing

of positive headlines. Macron wants to use his majority in parliament to pursue his agenda of loosening labor laws and overhauling France's social security system. He has already had little pushback on his stated intention to use executive orders to push through reforms without parliamentary debate - though street protests over the erosion of cherished workers' rights such as those seen last year are considered likely.

The parliamentary boost also strengthens Macron's hand on the European stage as the EU heads into negotiations on Britain's departure



PARIS: France's President Emmanuel Macron (left) sits in a Dassault Aviation Rafale fighter jet as Dassault Aviation CEO Eric Trappier looks on during the International Paris Air Show in Le Bourget yesterday. —AFP

National Assembly on Sunday. The election was being closely watched in Europe and around the world to see if France's youngest-ever leader would secure a mandate to push through his pro-EU reform agenda.

The new body will be nearly six years younger on average, have a record 223 women lawmakers, and will be strikingly less politically experienced. The trailblazing party that 39-year-old Macron founded just 14 months ago has caused a political earthquake even if the winning score was considerably lower than the 470 seats predicted by some pre-

'PORTUGAL WEEPS' AS DEADLY FIRE RAGES

PEDROGÃO GRANDE, Portugal: More than 1,000 firefighters yesterday continued to battle a giant forest fire that swept through central Portugal at the weekend, killing at least 62 people. The country was in mourning after the deadliest such disaster in its recent history, with many victims burnt as they were trapped in their cars around the epicenter in Pedrogao Grande. "Portugal weeps for Pedrogao Grande," said the newspaper while mainstream Publico's headline simply read "Why?"

"The fire has reached a level of human tragedy that we have never seen before," said a visibly moved Prime Minister Antonio Costa, who announced three days of mourning from Sunday. Portugal's national Route 236 was transformed into a road of hell as the ferocious blaze ripped through the wooded countryside. Although the searing temperatures had dropped slightly yesterday, the fire was still raging, spreading to neighboring regions of Castelo Branco and Coimbra.

Firefighters were also continuing a grim search for bodies, with Costa

warning on Sunday that the death toll could still rise. The international community has stepped in to help, with Spain, France and Italy sending water-bombing planes. The European Union has also offered help and Greece said it could send firefighters if needed. "I am shocked and horrified by the

many lives claimed by today's devastating fires," said UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, who comes from Portugal. "The United Nations stands ready to assist in any way possible."

"Our pain is immense," said Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa. "We feel a sense of injustice



A dead deer is seen on the roadside in an area affected by a wildfire at Vila Pedro, Figueiro dos Vinhos yesterday. —AFP

because the tragedy has hit those Portuguese of whom one speaks little - those living in an isolated rural zone."

'Everything burnt very quickly'

Police chief Almeida Rodrigues blamed dry thunderstorms for the blaze which broke out on Saturday in Pedrogao Grande, ruling out arson. "We found the tree hit by the lightning," he said. "Everything burnt very quickly given the strong winds. The flames passed within two or three kilometres of my house," said local resident Isabel Ferreira, 62. "It was really hell. I thought the end of the world had come," said Maria de Fatima Nunes, a survivor.

The wooded hills in the area north of Lisbon, which 24 hours before had glowed bright green with eucalyptus and pine trees, were gutted by the flames. A thick layer of white smoke blanketed either side of a motorway for about 20 km on Sunday, as blackened trees leaned listlessly over charred soil. A burnt-out car sat outside partly destroyed and abandoned houses, while a few metres away police in face masks surrounded the corpse of a man hidden under a white sheet. —AFP



Fire can be seen by the swimming pool of the Campement Kangaba, a tourist resort near Bamako, on Sunday. —AP

4 MILITANTS KILLED, 5 HELD AFTER MALI RESORT ATTACK

BAMAKO: Mali's government said yesterday five suspected militants were in custody after an assault on a popular tourist resort near the capital, Bamako, which left two civilians dead. Four attackers were killed at the scene, Security Minister Salif Traore told AFP, while 36 hostages were freed following the incident at the Kangaba Le Campement resort on Sunday afternoon, the majority of them French and Malian. Jihadists constantly target domestic and foreign forces in Mali's troubled north and centre, but attacks on civilians in and around the capital are much rarer, with the last major incident in November 2015 when gunmen stormed the Radisson Blu hotel.

That attack, which killed 20 people, caused the government to instate a state of emergency which has been in place more or less ever since. Residents living close to the Kangaba resort had first reported the attack after hearing shots while smoke billowed into the air, with at least one building ablaze, and special forces remained on the scene yesterday, Traore said. A witness interviewed on local television ORTM said he saw a man arrive on a motorcycle who "started shooting" followed by "two or three people" who came in another vehicle. Others said the assailants had shouted "Allahu Akbar" - Arabic for 'God is Greatest'. So far, no group has yet claimed responsibility.

US warning

Traore told AFP one of the victims was Franco-Gabonese and that the attack had been staged by suspected militants. Earlier this month, the US embassy in Bamako had warned about "a possible increased threat of attacks against Western diplomatic missions, places of

worship" and other places frequented by Westerners in Bamako. Back in January, the Kangaba's owner, Herve Depardieu, had complained about the "alarming security information" issued by foreign consulates, telling a France-Africa summit in Bamako.

Sunday's attack is the latest in a series of high-profile assaults in north and west Africa targeting locals and tourists, including in neighbouring Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast. But in a sign of Mali's quotidian instability, one soldier was killed and another three wounded yesterday morning in the northern town of Bamba, in what the armed forces said was yet another "terrorist attack".

New anti-terror force

In 2012 Mali's north fell under the control of jihadist groups linked to Al-Qaeda who hijacked an ethnic Tuareg-led rebel uprising, though the Islamists were largely ousted by a French-led military operation in Jan 2013. Since then, militants have continued to mount numerous attacks on civilians and the army, as well as on French and UN forces still stationed there. The unrest has continued despite a 2015 peace deal between the government and Tuareg rebels that aimed to tackle some of the grievances held by separatists in the north.

Despite the presence of a 12,000-strong UN peacekeeping mission and some of the 4,000 French troops serving in a separate counter-terrorism force operating across the Sahel region, instability is growing. France is pressing the UN Security Council to quickly adopt a resolution to fund and support a new African anti-jihadist force in the Sahel, comprising troops from Mali, Niger, Chad, Mauritania and Burkina Faso. —AFP

SUICIDE BOMBERS KILL 16 IN NORTHEAST NIGERIA

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria: At least 16 people were killed in suicide bomb attacks near a camp for those made homeless by Boko Haram violence in northeast Nigeria, emergency services said yesterday. The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said the attacks took place at about 8:45 pm (1945 GMT) on Sunday close to the Dalori camp at Kofa village, near the Borno state capital Maiduguri. NEMA northeast region spokesman Abdulkadir Ibrahim said two female suicide bombers tried to get into the camp but were thwarted by security personnel.

"Two other female suicide bombers also detonated their explosives at the adjoining Dalori Kofa village, where they killed 16 people," he added in a statement. Earlier tolls given by local people said at least 12 or 13 people had been killed but Abdulkadir said three of those injured and taken to hospital had since died. "The 16 does not include the bombers," he told AFP. Dalori is about 10 km southeast of Maiduguri and is one of the largest camps for internally displaced people (IDP) in the remote region.

Boko Haram has previously tried to target the camp: at least 85 people were killed in January last year when insurgents rampaged through communities near Dalori. Residents were shot and their homes burned down while female suicide bombers blew themselves up among the crowds of people fleeing the violence. The latest attack is the most deadly in Nigeria since June 8, when 11 people were killed in a rare combined gun and suicide attack in the Jiddari Polo area of Maiduguri.

Boko Haram has repeatedly targeted the strategic city, particularly its outlying communities, IDP camps and the city's university. The bombings and sporadic hit-and-run attacks underline the threat still posed by the jihadists, despite claims from the authorities they are a spent force. Gunmen killed eight members of a civilian militia force assisting the military on June 11 in the Konduga area, which is on the same road as the Dalori camp. At least 20,000 people have been killed in the conflict since 2009 and more than 2.6 million made homeless, many of whom are facing severe food shortages or starvation. —AFP

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BEST FOOT FORWARD: HK MILITARY-STYLE YOUTH GROUPS

HONG KONG: Gruelling foot drills and camouflage uniforms are part of life for some Hong Kongers as military-style youth groups become increasingly popular, despite the fact there is no army to join. Some follow the traditions of former British colonial forces, while others are newly invented military-flavored boot camps designed to keep young people in shape.

But as the semi-autonomous city prepares to mark 20 years since it was handed back by Britain to China in 1997, there are concerns that politics is taking over with the formation of secretive new groups. Speculation is rife about the Hong Kong Army Cadets Association (HKACA), whose members wear green uniforms reminiscent of China's People's Liberation

Army (PLA). Its website describes it as a uniform group that provides training in discipline and Chinese-style foot drills, to "cultivate strong willpower... unity and vigor". It was launched in 2015 - a year after huge student-led pro-democracy rallies in Hong Kong brought parts of the city to a standstill in an unprecedented challenge to Beijing.

Some observers say the cadets could be a way to get a pro-China message across at a time when younger generations are pushing back, with some campaigning for a split from the mainland. Political analyst Ma Ngok said the aim was likely "patriotic education". "Both local and central authorities would have thought it necessary and urgent to start trying to win young hearts and minds," he said. An official attempt to implement a patriotic curriculum in schools failed in 2012 after massive demonstrations by students, parents and teachers concerned it would amount to brainwashing.

The new cadet group's commander-in-chief is the wife of current Beijing-friendly city leader Leung Chun-ying and some of its honorary patrons include members of the PLA and China's liaison office in Hong Kong. The PLA has a garrison in central Hong Kong and is responsible for defending the city, but only recruits mainland Chinese citizens. Hong Kong does not have its own separate army. After the handover some feared the PLA would be heavy-

handed, given the army's crackdown on student protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Instead they have maintained a very low profile and are barred from interfering in local affairs. But some lawmakers have questioned whether the PLA is providing training or financial support for the cadets. The youth group's chairman, Bunny Chan, has denied such links. The HKACA turned down multiple interview requests from AFP and when one youth member was approached he said he could not comment.

'No ideology'

Last year, in response to the foundation of the cadets, anti-China party Civic Passion launched its own military-flavor youth group. The dedicated "Passion Teens Squad" has 1,900 Facebook followers and says its aim is physical training and learning Hong Kong's "real history and culture". The group's trainer, who identified himself only as Wan, told AFP that activities included hiking, orientation and survival skills. "We are resisting other youth groups that have links with China," he said.

But members of many more established youth groups say they simply enjoy getting out of the urban sprawl to learn new skills. At a Saturday session with the Hong Kong Adventure Corps, young recruits marched, climbed walls and spoke into walkie-talkies at their training ground in rural Sai Kung. The group has around 4,200 youth mem-

bers and was set up by former staff of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment, also known as The Volunteers, a local branch of the British Army disbanded in 1995.

Tang Chi-shing, 12, admitted he didn't like it when he joined 18 months ago, but grew to enjoy the challenging training. "This organization is one of the toughest in Hong Kong," he told AFP, saying he no longer feared his school teachers as a result. Members wear green camouflage and berets and learn everything from map-reading to abseiling. "I just wanted to play the games and go rock climbing," recent recruit Hosanna Tse, 14, told AFP, saying she enjoyed wearing the uniform.

Director Matthew Wong served in The Volunteers for 14 years and said that even though the Adventure Corps inherited their drills from the British Army, there was no political aim. "Our objective is not to train soldiers, but to develop their personal qualities," he said. Military historian Kwong Chi-man said Hong Kong parents considered the numerous uniform groups - which also include non-military-style organizations such as the Girl Guides - as a way to help children become more self-reliant and confident. Kwong, assistant professor at Hong Kong Baptist University, said any political slant would put them off. "If they knew their kids were entering those organizations to become ideological, many of those parents, I would say, would withhold." —AFP



HONG KONG: In this picture taken on May 27, 2017, cadets from the Hong Kong Adventure Corps put on safety gear before a climbing exercise at their training ground. —AFP

AS PHILIPPINE BATTLE GRINDS ON, SOME DISPLACED DIE IN CENTERS

MILITARY SEIZES DRUGS WORTH MILLIONS IN BESIEGED CITY

MARAWI CITY, Philippines: Four weeks since fierce fighting broke out in the southern Philippines, some people who fled the battle are dying in overcrowded and unsanitary evacuation centers, health officials say. At least 24 people have died in the centers since fighting between security forces and

were recovered on Sunday along with four assault rifles in the kitchen of a two-storey concrete house believed to be occupied by fighters from the Maute militant group. "This strengthens our findings that these terrorists are using illegal drugs," Major-General Carlito Galvez, military commander of western

due to diarrhoea. "The cause of the increase in diarrhoea cases is sanitation issues and a lack of sources of potable water," Minalang said. In the centers, families of up to a dozen people sleep together on concrete floors, and in some places hundreds are sharing a single toilet.

died in cloth and her own traditional malong, or long skirt, drenched in blood. "We call him Martial Law," she said, looking at her baby boy Sahir, his head now crowned with fine hair.

On the date of Sahir's birth, May 23, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte declared martial law across the southern island of Mindanao, vowing to drive out the militants - an alliance of groups that have pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group. The army says nearly 350 people have been killed in the fighting, including 257 militants, 62 soldiers and 26 civilians. Hundreds of people are unaccounted for, believed to be hiding in the basements of a city that has been pummelled by government air strikes. Residents have said they have seen 100 bodies in the debris of ruined homes in the battle zone.

Want to go Home

The mostly Muslim evacuees are eager to return home by the weekend for Eid al-Fitr, the biggest festival of the year that marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan. But for many, their homes have been devastated by weeks of artillery fire and aerial bombardment. The army says it is nearing victory, but hostilities will have to be followed by a lengthy cleanup operation - unearthing and disarming unexploded ordnance, and scouring for possible booby traps - before residents can go home.

"I will be the happiest woman in the world if I am allowed to return," said Salema Ampasong, 28, who was among about 1,000 evacuees given shelter in a gymnasium in the town of Balo-i, several miles outside Marawi. A fruit vendor, she said she had lost all her possessions, "but I would still want to come home". In Balo-i, there's just one working toilet for the center's 1,025 residents. On the wall a poster produced by the Philippine Red Cross instructs evacuees how to wash their hands. There are no basins with taps, and evacuees wash - and even defecate - in a nearby river. —Reuters



MARAWI: Philippine army troopers count packets containing 11kg of the illegal drug "shabu", which were recovered along with an IS flag from a militant position, during a press conference yesterday. —AFP

Islamist militants erupted in Marawi City, Health Secretary Paulyn Ubial told reporters.

Meanwhile, the Philippine military found methamphetamine worth between \$2 million to \$5 million while clearing rebel positions in Marawi, officials said yesterday, boosting suspicions militants are being funded by the narcotics trade. The 11 bags of shabu, the local name for methamphetamine,

Mindanao, said in a statement.

Alinador Minalang, the health director for the Lanao del Sur province which includes Marawi, said 300 cases of diarrhoea had been recorded among the nearly 40,000 people huddled in emergency shelters set up in community halls, gymnasiums and Islamic schools. Many of those who died were elderly and had pre-existing conditions, but at least two of the fatalities were

"My children are getting sick. One has diarrhoea and another has an allergic reaction on his skin - the water we have to use here is not good," said Tarhata Mostare, who was staying with more than 800 people in a high school hall in Iligan City, 40 km from Marawi. She walked out of Marawi City along with thousands of others just hours after delivering her fifth child, and trekked for hours with the infant swad-



This combination of pictures created yesterday shows photos released by the US Navy's 7th Fleet of the seven sailors onboard the USS Fitzgerald who died in the June 16, 2017 collision with the container ship ACX Crystal off Japan's Pacific coast. —AFP

US NAVY PROBES DESTROYER CRASH

TOKYO: A probe into the crash between a US navy destroyer and a Philippine-flagged cargo ship was under way yesterday, as the names of seven American sailors who died were made public. Investigators were looking at how the USS Fitzgerald came to be holed in the smash in a busy shipping lane near its home port. The container ship, the 222-metre Philippine-flagged ACX Crystal, made a 180 degree turn shortly before the accident, according to data from the Marine Traffic website. It was not immediately clear what prompted the sharp turn.

The US navy and Japan's coastguard are conducting separate inquiries, but will likely be co-operating, a spokesman for Japan's transport safety board told AFP. Japanese coastguard investigators will be interviewing the Filipino crew of the Japanese-owned container ship, although the US has primary jurisdiction in investigating accidents involving military. Citing local investigators, Japan's top-selling Yomiuri newspaper said Monday that the damage on both ships suggests they were

travelling in the same direction when the crash occurred, 56 nautical miles southwest of Yokosuka.

The impact tore a huge gash in the Fitzgerald, sending gallons of water flooding into the berths where the crew were sleeping. The bodies of the sailors, who were aged between 19 and 37, were recovered by navy divers after their 154-m vessel limped into port. The huge commercial vessel came into Yokosuka with large scrapes on its bow, but none of its 20 crew were injured. Japan's coastguard is also investigating why it took nearly an hour before the Philippine ship reported the collision, a coastguard spokesman said.

"We had first announced that the collision occurred at 2:20 am, based on the initial report from the Philippine ship, but we have now changed it to 1:30 am after directly hearing from the crew," the spokesman said. "We are checking what happened during the time and why the report was delayed," he added.

There have been around 30 boat crashes over the past decade in the area, including a 2013 incident when six Japanese crew died after their cargo ship crashed with another vessel in the early morning hours, a coastguard spokesman said. "That's considered a lot of accidents," he said, adding that many ships pass through the channel in the middle of the night to be on time for morning cargo pickups. "There are all kinds of ships navigating those waters."

Right of way?

Under maritime law, the container ship had an obligation to avoid a collision if it was trying to overtake the destroyer from behind. But if the container vessel was approaching from the US ship's right side, the destroyer had the obligation to give way, another Japanese coastguard spokesman said. "Generally speaking, if a ship sees another vessel on its right hand side it has the obligation to avoid" a collision, he added. —AFP



NAYPYIDAW: Myanmar's State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi distributes cake as she celebrates her 72nd birthday at the parliament building yesterday. —AFP

MYANMAR RELIGIOUS TENSIONS SIMMER AS MADRASSAS CLOSED

YANGON: Chit Tin, a 55-year-old Muslim man has prayed at the same madrasa in eastern Yangon his whole adult life, most of it spent under a junta that crushed opposition, ruined Myanmar's economy and turned it into an international pariah state. But even as the father-of-four endured poverty and isolation, the Muslim religious school, which doubles as a mosque, had remained a focal point of his community - until a month ago, when Buddhist nationalists raided it and forced authorities to shut it down on the grounds it did not have a permit to operate as a place of worship.

When Ramadan, the Muslim holy month, started some three weeks ago, hundreds of residents braved the monsoon rain to join prayers organized in the street nearby. Local authorities banned the event and threatened those attending with jail. "I feel deeply sad, as if the sky has fallen down," said Chit Tin, one of the few Muslims from the neighborhood who agreed to speak to Reuters. Most residents refused to discuss the restrictions, saying they feared repercussions.

One of the youth members of the community, Moe Zaw, now faces a fine or six months in jail for not obtaining a permit to organize the prayers, according to a notification he received from a court. The closure of the religious school is among a series of incidents that have stoked religious tensions in the country's commercial capital in recent weeks. Although some of the Buddhist hardliners involved were arrested, human rights monitors say the incident shows how Aung San Suu Kyi's 14-month-old civilian administration is struggling to tackle discrimination against Muslims.

Suu Kyi's ruling party, the National League for Democracy (NLD) did not field any Muslim candidates in the historic 2015 election that elevated it to power on pledges of modernizing the country and democratization. Tensions between the two communities have simmered since scores were killed and tens of thousands displaced in clashes between Buddhists and Muslims accompanying

the start of the country's democratic transition in 2012 and 2013. "Mosques and madrassas that have been forcibly shuttered should be immediately reopened, and religious believers should not be threatened or criminally charged simply for exercising their fundamental right to observe and practice their religion," said Phil Robertson from watchdog Human Rights Watch. Local administrators refused repeated requests for comment. Myanmar's government spokesman was not available for comment, and two other government officials contacted by Reuters declined to comment.

No Reply

The madrasa, opened nearly half a century ago, typically attracted around 1,000 people on Friday nights. Around 300 children between the ages of five and 12 studied Islam there daily. The two-storey building is now cordoned off by barbed wire and the gate is locked. "The children were about to sit exams, so we feel it's a big loss for their education," said Chit Tin, whose two 6-year-old grandchildren started classes at the madrasa a year ago. He now attends another mosque a 20-minute walk away, where the congregation has swelled from 5,000 to 8,000 in recent weeks due to the closure of his madrasa and another nearby that was also targeted by Buddhist nationalists. In the city of Meiktila, 500 km north of Yangon in central Myanmar, three private homes that have been used by about 150 people for prayers since mosques in the city were destroyed in the 2013 violence were also ordered to close down by local administrators.

The police has been patrolling the neighborhood since last week, checking whether the houses have stayed closed and whether the prayers have ceased during Ramadan. "Since the authorities don't allow us to pray anymore, we requested them to arrange a suitable place for us," San Win Shein, an Islamic scholar and a secretary of a local inter-faith group told Reuters by telephone. "There is no reply until now." —Reuters

SIX THAI SOLDIERS KILLED BY BOMB IN RESTIVE SOUTH

PATTANI, Thailand: Six Thai soldiers were killed and four injured when a roadside bomb ripped their patrol truck apart in the insurgency-plagued south yesterday, police said. The bomb hit the pick-up as it was carrying ten soldiers along a dirt road in Pattani province, leaving a pile of rubble and twisted car parts. "The roadside bomb exploded before noon, killing six and injuring four," said Preuk Liengsuk, the police chief of Thung Yang Daeng district. The Muslim-majority border region has been racked by violence for over a decade as ethnic Malay insurgents battle the government of Buddhist-majority Thailand for more autonomy.

Frequent shooting and bomb attacks have claimed more than 6,800 lives since 2004, with both sides accused of rights abuses and atrocities. Thailand's ruling junta has tried to restart peace

talks with the Muslim militants since its 2014 power grab. But the negotiations have failed to gain traction and regular attacks continue across the region. The Thai side is unconvinced that rebel negotiators at the table can control foot soldiers, while the insurgents do not believe the junta will concede political autonomy any time soon.

While the insurgents mostly target troops and police, they also routinely turn their weapons on teachers, local officials and other civilians seen as collaborators with the state. The last major bombing blamed on rebels - who rarely claim attacks - left at least 40 people wounded outside a supermarket in Pattani in May. The army has also faced repeated accusations of abuse, including extrajudicial killings and torture of detainees in a region ruled for years by emergency laws. —AFP

US SHOTS DOWN SYRIAN WARPLANE

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It warned of "the grave consequences of this flagrant aggression". Regime ally Moscow also condemned the downing of the Syrian plane, with deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov saying: "This strike has to be seen as a continuation of America's line to disregard the norms of international law... What is this if not an act of aggression?"

The incident was the latest skirmish between the US-led coalition and regime forces in the increasingly tense and crowded space in Syria's north and east. The coalition has for months backed SDF forces in their bid to capture Raqa, an operation in which the regime has not been involved. The SDF entered Raqa for the first time earlier this month and now holds four neighborhoods in the east and west of the city. Damascus has instead turned its focus further east, to the largely IS-held oil-rich province of Deir Ezzor, where government forces are besieged in part of the provincial capital.

It is advancing towards the region on three fronts, south of Raqa, through the Badia desert region in cen-

tral Syria, and along Syria's eastern border. But the advances have created conflict with the US-led coalition, particularly along the Syrian border, where US and other foreign forces are training an anti-IS force at the Tanf garrison. In recent weeks, the coalition has fired on pro-regime ground forces approaching the garrison and shot down a pro-regime armed drone. The coalition describes these incidents as "force protection" measures and says its primary focus remains targeting IS.

Outside of coalition operations, US forces have only once directly targeted the regime, when Washington launched a barrage of strikes in April against an airbase it said was the launchpad for an alleged chemical attack that killed dozens of civilians. Sam Heller, a Syria expert at The Century Foundation think-tank, said the regime was provoking confrontations, but neither side appeared to want a major escalation. "I think that it was just that the regime engaged in a provocation and then a lower-rung US commander responded in self-defense," he said of Sunday's incident. "The regime got too close and it got burned." — AFP

DRIVER PLOWS A VAN INTO CROWD OF MUSLIMS...

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solidarity with the worshippers in a tweet but her father has so far remained silent. May, who was heavily criticized for failing to meet survivors of a devastating fire in a London tower block last week, visited Finsbury Park Mosque where she met local faith leaders. The use of a vehicle to mow down pedestrians drew horrifying parallels with this month's London Bridge attack, when three men drove a van into pedestrians before embarking on a stabbing spree, and with another car and knife rampage near parliament in March. This time the attacker appeared to have deliberately targeted Muslims. "Over the past weeks and months, Muslims have endured many incidents of Islamophobia and this is the most violent manifestation to date," said Harun Khan, head of the Muslim Council of Britain, an umbrella body.

After the London Bridge attack, city mayor Sadiq Khan's office reported a 40 percent increase in racist incidents in the capital and a fivefold increase in anti-Muslim incidents. Khan said it was a "horrific terrorist attack" aimed at "innocent Londoners, many of whom were finishing prayers during the holy month of Ramadan". Mohammed Kozbar, chairman of the Finsbury Park Mosque, described the attack as "cowardly". "Our community is in shock," he said, urging people attending prayers to remain vigilant.

'Extraordinary city'

It was the third major incident in the capital this month, after the London Bridge attack and last week's devastating fire in the Grenfell Tower block, in which 79 people are thought to have died. "This is an extraordinary city of extraordinary people," May said outside

Downing Street after chairing an emergency government meeting. "It is home to a multitude of communities that together make London one of the greatest cities on Earth. Diverse, welcoming, vibrant, compassionate, confident and determined never to give in to hate." Last month, a suicide bomber blew himself up outside a pop concert in Britain's third city of Manchester, killing 22 people, many of them children.

The Finsbury Park Mosque was once a notorious hub for radical Islamists but has changed markedly in recent years under new management. Its former imam, Abu Hamza, was jailed for life in New York on terrorism charges in 2015. Despite the change in leadership and the focus on bolstering inter-faith relations, the mosque reported it had received a string of threatening emails and letters in the wake of the Paris attacks. Some locals came onto the street in support of the mosque on Monday, carrying signs saying "We love our mixed community" and "Leave our Muslim neighbors alone".

Meanwhile, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent cables yesterday to Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Theresa May, expressing his stern condemnation of a van attack on Muslim worshippers in London. In his cable, His Highness the Amir underscored that Kuwait deplores such violent acts that run counter to humanitarian values, saying that Kuwait supports all measures taken by Britain to uphold its security. His Highness the Amir also wished all those wounded in the attack a speedy recovery. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables to Queen Elizabeth II and the British Prime Minister. — Agencies

INDIA'S BJP PICKS DALIT AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

NEW DELHI: India's ruling party yesterday named a lawyer from the lowest Dalit caste as its candidate for president, a move seen as an attempt to reach out to the marginalized community. Ram Nath Kovind, 71, is likely to take up the largely ceremonial post when the term of Pranab Mukherjee ends next month, becoming the second Dalit to be India's head of state.

The president is voted in by an electoral college comprised of federal and state lawmakers, and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is thought to have the support it needs to push its candidate through. "Ram Nath Kovind has always fought for the betterment of the Dalits and other backward castes," BJP chief Amit Shah said at a press conference to

announce the party's candidate. "The BJP ... hopes that a person born in a poor family of low-caste Dalit community will be a consensus candidate for the president's post."

Kovind's nomination follows huge protests last year by members of the historically marginalized Dalit community, who make up around 17 percent of India's population. The protests broke out after four young Dalits were stripped naked and publicly flogged after being falsely accused of killing a cow, an animal Hindus consider sacred. The outrage was compounded by the savage beating of a pregnant woman and her husband after they refused to allow higher-caste men to graze cattle on their land. — AFP

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Or, they may want their husband to talk about how important they are in his life. This can be done through a variety of media, such as texts, notes, emails, cards, or by verbal communication.

It may be very meaningful for the husband to tell his wife these things in a different language. Some women need hugs and kisses. They want to feel the warm embrace of their husband. Of course, you wouldn't want to touch someone that you dislike, and therefore, touching implies that you desire closeness with the person. Some women just want to spend time with their husbands. This can include a variety of activities.

Usually, the activity isn't important as long as the two get a chance to be together. Finally, some women want their husbands to do things for them. For example, when a husband makes a special meal, or helps with the housework, it shows that he cares about his wife. If you really want to make an impact then there is no harm in

showing love in all the 5 mentioned ways, but usually a woman will respond better to one way more than the others.

Believe me, if you show love to your wife then it will build a strong foundation for your marriage. It is hard for men to understand love in the same way that women understand it. If you are a man, then just imagine living with a person who doesn't respect you. That is how painful it is for a woman to live without be shown love. Although we aren't involved in matchmaking, the TIES Center offers a short marriage course to explain the conditions and requirements for marriage from the Islamic perspective.

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PARIS CHAMPS-ÉLYSEES 'ATTACK'

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exhibition hall. "People were running every which way," said a 51-year-old bystander who gave his name only as Alexandre. "Some shouted at me to get away." Anti-terrorism prosecutors have opened an investigation. Police closed two of the Metro stations on the Champs-Élysées, but two hours after the attack tourists were back taking selfies of the Arc de Triomphe and visiting shops.

Collob said the attack "shows once again that the threat (of an attack) remains extremely high in France". The incident came just two months after a policeman was shot and killed on the avenue, days before the first round of France's presidential election. After that attack, a note praising the Islamic State group was found next to the body of the gunman, Karim Cheurfi, and weapons includ-

ing a shotgun and knives were found in his car. On June 7, a hammer-wielding Algerian man was shot and wounded by police after he struck an officer on the head in front of Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, shouting it was in revenge "for Syria". He had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group in a video found at his home.

The attack yesterday was the latest of a string in France and Britain. Earlier yesterday, a van ploughed into a crowd of Muslims near a London mosque, injuring 10 people. It was the second terror attack this month in the British capital. Two weeks ago jihadists used a van and knives to crush and stab to death eight people enjoying a night out around London Bridge. Three of the victims were French. In May, a suicide bomber killed 22 people, including children, at a concert by US singer Ariana Grande in Manchester. — AFP



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Focus

SKIES ARE FRONTLINE
IN THE FIGHT AGAINST
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

By Ed Upright

Flight attendant Donna Hubbard was deeply concerned when a couple carried a boy who was sweating, lethargic and appeared to be in pain onto her flight from Honduras to Miami in October last year. After take-off, Hubbard and her crew spoke to the man and woman separately, who gave different names and ages for the boy. Hubbard told the Thomson Reuters Foundation she was suspicious that he was being trafficked, kidnapped or even being used as a drug mule.

The pilot alerted authorities in Miami who met the boy and his companions on arrival. While unable to reveal details, a customs official later told Hubbard that she had made the "right call" and the boy had been safely intercepted by officials. Hubbard's actions are the kind of intervention the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) recommended last week when it urged airline bosses at an international airline summit to train flight crews to help prevent human trafficking.

Jean-Luc Lemahieu, UNODC policy director, told the International Air Transport Association (IATA) meeting: "It is not rocket science but most flight attendants spend one hour to eight hours with passengers. They can see the signs. It's an invisible crime but in plain sight, you can see it if you know what to look at." The skies have long been on the frontlines of the fight against human trafficking as criminal gangs transport thousands of children and vulnerable people by air each year.

These victims are among almost 46 million people globally living as slaves, trafficked into exploitation, sold for sex or trapped in debt bondage, according to the 2016 Global Slavery Index. While some training of airline staff to spot and report potential trafficking is mandatory in the United States, it is not widespread across the industry. Campaigners say this must change. Nancy Rivard, founder of Airline Ambassadors International, a charity that trains global airline staff on trafficking, said the situation is improving slowly but much more needs to be done.

More than 70,000 US airline staff have been trained to spot smugglers and their victims under the Blue Lightning initiative, launched in 2013 with the support of JetBlue, Delta Air Lines and others. But Rivard said most airlines are "doing the very minimum against trafficking" on board their flights. Flight attendant Hubbard, who works with Rivard's charity, said some airlines had taken action but others were "afraid of the liability of acknowledging that (trafficking) happens on our airplanes even though they know it exists".

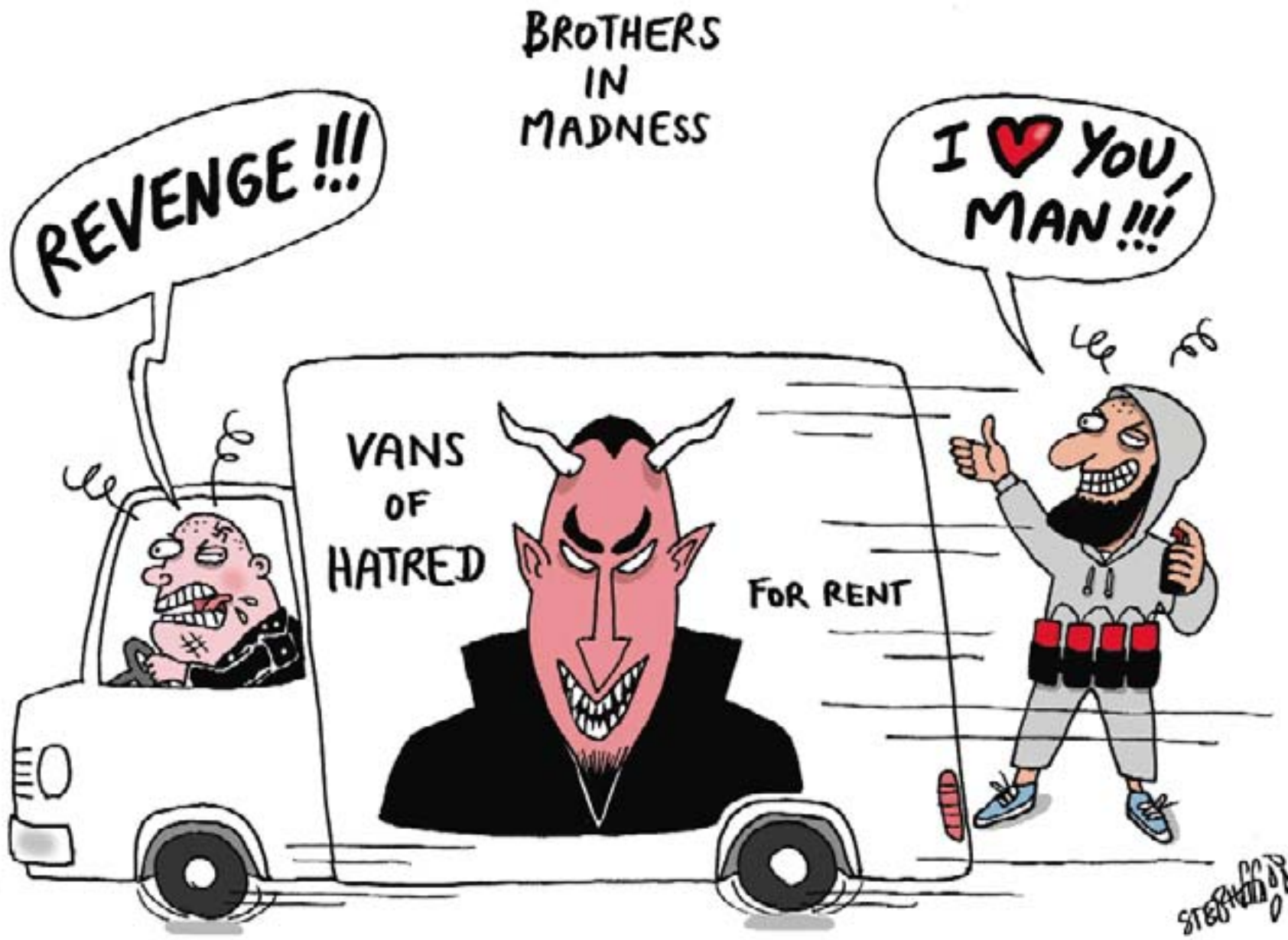
Anti-trafficking group ECPAT-USA said that airlines' work on the issue has lagged behind other travel and tourism sectors. "While we have seen large numbers of hotels train staff and their parent companies adopt policies, we see very little movement with airlines," Michelle Guelbart of ECPAT-USA told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. She said Delta Air Lines was the first and remains one of only two global airlines - with Mexico's Volaris - to join 'The Code', an industry initiative to boost awareness and stop child sex exploitation. "It is shocking that so many have continued to lag behind but we hope this changes and their peers step up," she said.

Lack of training

Rivard, a former flight attendant, said her organization trains staff to be aware of young women or children who appear to be being controlled, show signs of mistreatment or who seem frightened, ashamed or nervous. She said flight attendants regularly start conversations with women travelling alone, such one 18-year-old on a 2015 flight from Chicago, who said she was excited to see a boyfriend she had met on Facebook but who wasn't coming to meet her at the airport. When staff checked the seat reservation, Rivard said, they found it had been booked by a woman in a different part of the country with the a "nefarious looking" social media profile of "love me long, love me good".

Following further investigation, the teenager was rescued by law enforcement officials three days later, she said. Rivard also cited a recent flight from Rome to Chicago, when staff noted a 7-year-old Albanian girl travelling with a middle-aged American man - a situation that seemed suspicious. The crew informed the flight deck, said Rivard, but the pilot had received no training on trafficking so refused to report anything. Rivard said attendants should not try to rescue potential victims themselves and should inform appropriate authorities. If they don't, she said, "they're as guilty as the traffickers". — Reuters

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SOLDIERS GUARD CHAVEZ SYMBOLS IN SEETHING HEARTLAND

By Andrew Cawthorne

In the dozy agricultural town of Hugo Chavez's birth, soldiers guard an immense statue of the former Venezuelan leader while nearby opposition activists dream of pulling it down. The Russian-donated sculpture of a fist-clenched Chavez, in a square of Sabaneta near where he was born in a mud hut, has withstood nearly three months of anti-government unrest that has convulsed Venezuela since April and killed more than 70 people.

"It will fall one day soon, you'll see," said activist Angel Dorante, noting the vandalism and destruction of Chavez statues and symbols elsewhere in Venezuela. Surrounded by fertile plains and home to nearly 40,000 people, Sabaneta is a politically sacred spot for the ruling "Chavismo" movement, now led by President Nicolas Maduro, but it has not been immune to protests roiling the nation in demand of elections to end socialist rule.

Locals have been banging pots and pans at night and took to the streets recently during a power cut. They were dispersed by security forces with tear gas, witnesses said. In the tatty state capital Barinas, where Chavez studied and lived as a youth, the trouble has been far worse. Many people have turned on the ruling Socialist Party in a poor region that was once their heartland of support. Even though much of the attention has been on the capital Caracas, Barinas has seen the worst of the anti-government unrest. Violence on May 22-23 left seven people dead, hundreds of shops looted and the city's half million people traumatized.

With some businesses on strike, anti-Maduro protesters barricaded streets and faced off with National Guard soldiers, witnesses said. Pro-government gangs joined the fray and, according to local authorities, 500 shops were

looted while at one point a crowd of 2,000 people took over a major police base. "There was a social explosion," Jose Luis Machin, Barinas' opposition mayor, describing how some business owners hired gunmen to stand on roofs to deter looters. "One Chinese owner stood on his roof with two grenades to keep them away."

In scenes unthinkable during Chavez's 14-year rule, the rioters in Barinas stormed and burned the headquarters of the ruling Socialist Party, stoned a house where the late leader had lived as a youth, and defaced images of him on the streets. A few weeks later, soldiers watch over gas stations, courts and other key buildings while many businesses remain closed with signs saying "already looted" and workers repaint the ransacked party building. There are still sporadic protests and fear is pervasive. Rights activists say dozens of protesters have been detained, some beaten savagely on the knees with baseball bats and one covered in excrement and urine while in custody.

'Not enough food'

The anger in Barinas, as elsewhere around Venezuela, is fueled by widespread hunger and shortages after four years of brutal recession. There is special bitterness in Chavez's home state that locals say should be a prosperous bread basket for the nation due to its fertile farming conditions. "We do not have enough food for our baby. That is why my husband went out to protest, like any other Venezuelan," said Arianna Espinoza, 20, whose husband, Yorman Bervecia, 19, took to the streets on May 22 near a National Guard military base.

He never came home, shot dead in the chest. "Now it's me who wants to go out there and protest," Espinoza said as she cradled 1-year-old Lucas in her arms. As well as elections, the protesters are demanding solutions to the crisis-hit economy, an end to rampant corruption, freedom for

jailed activists, foreign humanitarian aid, and autonomy for the National Assembly legislature won by the opposition in 2015. Barinas' turn away from "Chavismo" dates from that election, when voters elected five opposition lawmakers for six seats.

Maduro calls his opponents "terrorists" bent on a violent coup and is resisting calls to bring forward the next presidential election scheduled for late 2018. He is setting up instead a super-body known as a constituent assembly with powers to rewrite the constitution and override other institutions. An election for that assembly is set for July 30 but the opposition says it is rigged to guarantee him a majority so they are boycotting the process. "The terrorist right-wing won't stop in their attempts to bring down President Maduro's government," said Barinas state Governor Argenis Chavez, brother of the late president.

Despite Venezuela's economic decline and anti-government unrest from the Andes to the Amazon, Maduro retains a hardcore of support and his approval rating of just above 20 percent is respectable compared to some peers around Latin America. That reflects the deep reverence among Venezuela's poor for Chavez, who picked Maduro as his successor and urged people to back him, lingering suspicion of opposition leaders long viewed as an out-of-touch elite, and disgust at violence in protests.

Denny Frias, 43, a distant relative of Chavez who tends the gardens round his statue in Sabaneta, said he was still "100 percent Chavista" and had the government to thank for both his job and state-provided house. "Chavez gave his life for his country and Maduro is continuing his work so I support him," Frias said, wearing a red T-shirt with Chavez's image in the shadow of the statue. "The troublemakers have tried to come here. They're paid and given food to be violent. But they can't touch this statue. We are here watching and we won't let them." — Reuters

FINSBURY PARK MOSQUE: FORMER HUB OF RADICAL ISLAM

By Alice Ritchie

The Finsbury Park Mosque, which appeared yesterday to have been the target of an anti-Muslim terror attack, has fought for years to throw off its reputation as a centre for radical Islamism. The red-brick mosque is famous around the world as the place where hook-handed hate preacher Abu Hamza spouted his anti-American vitriol after the September 11, 2001, attacks. Worshipers included Richard Reid, the "shoe bomber" who plotted to blow up a transatlantic flight, and Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person charged in the United States over 9/11 — though Hamza always denied knowing them.

After a 2003 raid by police investigating a ricin plot, the Finsbury Park Mosque was shut down-though Hamza had already been forced out by other members, and was reduced to addressing his followers in the street outside. He was arrested the following year and the mosque reopened in 2005 under a new board of trustees, with a particular goal of encouraging community cohesion. Many local residents gathered outside the Mosque yesterday to show their support for those affected by the attack, in which a man drove a van into pedestrians after evening prayers, leaving one person dead and injuring ten others.

Tea and biscuits

Egyptian-born Hamza-whose hands were blown off by an explosives experiment in Pakistan-controlled the mosque from 1997 to early 2003, and for years after many terror investigations in Britain were traced back to his influence.

When he was jailed for seven years in 2006 for inciting murder and racial hatred, the judge said the father-of-nine used his authority to encourage worshippers that killing was a religious duty. Hamza was later extradited to the United States and jailed for life there in 2015 for playing a key role in the 1998 kidnapping of 16 Western tourists in Yemen, four of whom were killed,

and in trying to set up a US terror training camp in 1999.

The new trustees have fought hard to clear the mosque's name, and in 2015 opened its doors as part of a nationwide initiative to improve cross-community relations following terror attacks in Paris.

Annalou Oakland, an 67-year-old artist who lives nearby, was one of those who visited for tea and biscuits. "There was big fear

around this particular mosque in the past and it's really good to hear what they're doing and to meet people one on one," she told AFP at the time.

"Ten years ago it was different. Since then we've worked tirelessly to open our centre, our mosque, our activities to the public," Khalid Oumar, one of the mosque trustees, had said. The mosque nonetheless received a string of threatening

emails and letters in the wake of the Paris attacks. Authorities had also warned of an increase in anti-Muslim hate crimes across London after the London Bridge attack on June 3.

"Our community is in shock, our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been affected by this," Mohammed Kozbar, the mosque's chairman, said yesterday. —AFP



LONDON: A forensic tent and police are seen on Seven Sisters Road near Finsbury Park station after a vehicle struck pedestrians in north London yesterday. —AP

JAPAN'S TUPOU HIT WITH THREE-GAME BAN

TOKYO: Japan back William Tupou has been handed a three-match ban for dangerous play in last weekend's home defeat by Ireland, Japanese officials said yesterday. The 26-year-old, once a budding Wallabies prospect, won his first cap for Japan on Saturday but was cited for a spear tackle 16 minutes into the second half in Shizuoka. Ireland went on to an easy 50-22 win. Tupou will miss this weekend's second Test against Ireland in Tokyo as well as Super Rugby games with Japan's Sunwolves away to South Africa's Golden Lions on July 2 and Western Stormers on July 9. Japan, who face Ireland in the pool phase as co-hosts of the 2019 Rugby World Cup, have never beaten the world's third-ranked side in six meetings. Brave Blossoms coach Jamie Joseph has called up 36-year-old lock Luke Thompson for Saturday's second test against the Irish. — AFP

YACHTING

USA SCRAMBLING IN FACE OF KIWICUP DOMINANCE

HAMILTON: Skipper Jimmy Spithill says the five days until America's Cup racing resumes will be "the most important days of the campaign" for a Team USA left reeling by New Zealand after one weekend.

"I think it's pretty obvious these guys are faster and we need to make some changes," Spithill said after New Zealand, helmed by Peter Burling, beat Oracle twice on Sunday to complete a sweep of the first four races.

"Clearly we need to now put everything back on the table," Spithill said. "I think these next five days will be the most important five days of the campaign."

It was little consolation that the four wins gave New Zealand only a 3-0 lead in the first-to-seven points series thanks to Team USA's bonus for topping the standings in the qualifying round-robin.

That's a big enough deficit against a New Zealand catamaran that has consistently out-performed Oracle.

"I think there was a clear speed advantage," said Australian Spithill, who piloted Team USA to the America's Cup in 2010 and 2013.

Although Team USA beat New Zealand twice in qualifying, the Kiwis were able to squeeze more from their foiling catamaran as they battled through the challenger semi-finals and final while the defenders looked on from the sidelines.

Spithill vowed that from Monday to Friday the entire US team—from boat builders, designers, engineers and crew—would be working round the clock in a bid to catch up. "Nothing will escape our eyes. I can guarantee you that in these next five days," said Spithill.

Regatta rules restrict the changes that can be made. But Spithill insisted there was still room to make useful adjustments to the complicated systems that control the space-age craft, and to "appendages" including the massive fixed-wing sails, rudders and the daggerboards that allow the boats to foil—virtually flying with their twin hulls above the water surface.

"The up-side, for us, is there's a lot of technology out there now," Spithill said. "There's a lot of camera angles, microphones, a lot of data that gets shared from both sides, really." Asked if that meant Team USA might take borrow some ideas from New Zealand, Spithill didn't balk. "No idea is out of the question," he said. "Clearly you sometimes learn the most when you look across the fence."

The five day break is a boon, added Spithill, who noted that the team didn't have nearly that much time in 2013 when they were staring down defeat while trailing New Zealand 1-8 in San Francisco. The Americans roared back to win 9-8, with British sailor Ben Ainslie playing a key role after he replaced John Kostecki as the team's tactician.

NEED TO MAKE CHANGES

Ainslie mounted a British bid for the Cup this year that ended in the challenger semi-finals, but Spithill indicated a crew change could again be up for discussion. "We're a very candid group," he said. "It's quite clear we need to make some changes."

Burling is determined to use the five days to make sure Team USA are chasing a moving target.

"We're really excited about the challenge of the next five days, of taking the next step on our boat as well of pushing the performance," said the 26-year-old Kiwi, who has spoken repeated of the steep learning curve faced by all the teams racing the America's Cup catamarans.

"Today we sailed a lot of areas better than we did yesterday," Burling said Sunday. "But we also made a lot of mistakes. It felt like we were still a long way from where we could be." — AFP



HAMILTON: Emirates Team New Zealand Helmsman Peter Burling looks over his shoulder for Oracle Team USA in race three during the 35th America's Cup on Sunday, in Hamilton, Bermuda. — AFP

TAURASI STANDS ALONE ATOP WNBA SCORING LIST

LOS ANGELES: About the only thing missing from Diana Taurasi's record-setting day was a victory. Taurasi became the WNBA's career scoring leader in front of her family, friends and Kobe Bryant.

With her parents watching, Taurasi passed Tina Thompson on Sunday in the Phoenix Mercury's 90-59 loss to the Sparks in Los Angeles. "It's pretty special I got to do it in front of my family on Father's Day in LA," said Taurasi, who finished with 19 points.

Taurasi came into the game needing 14 points to break Thompson's mark and the Mercury guard did it late in the first half on a layup with her team down big.

"Once I got the basket it was pretty cool," she said. "I was trying not to think about, wanted it to happen and do it organically. It did. You think about all the great players you played with, all the games."

Taurasi stands alone atop the league's scoring list. She has 7,494 points and has averaged 19.9 points in her career. She said in the weeks leading up to the historic points that she wasn't thinking about the record.

After the basket, the game stopped and Taurasi was given a warm ovation from the crowd that included Bryant and his daughters as well as Taurasi's family.

"We had this planned on the schedule for quite some time," Bryant said during an interview in-game. "It worked in our favor

we could see a historical night."

Bryant has always been impressed with how hard Taurasi works.

"To be that great for so many years is a testament to her work ethic and commitment to the game," Bryant told ESPN. "Her intellect and sacrifice. She's just a phenomenal athlete." Thompson, who played with Taurasi on a few Olympic and overseas teams, offered her congratulations.

"I am excited that it is Diana and it is my absolute pleasure to pass the torch on to her," Thompson said. "She and I have shared so many amazing moments throughout our basketball careers, whether it was gold medals, championships or All-Star games. Diana is one of the best players to ever play the game and definitely one of my favorites. She has done amazing things and I am so grateful that I've been able to share many of those with her. I am really excited for Diana and I think she is going to blow that record out of the water."

Taurasi, averaging 18.1 points this year, passed Tamika Catchings for second on the WNBA scoring list early this season. It only took the Mercury star 13 seasons to become the league's top scorer. Thompson needed 17 years to achieve her total.

Earlier in the season, Taurasi set the career 3-pointer record, passing Katie Smith. Taurasi has 927 3-pointers.

She turned 35 this month and doesn't seem to be slowing down. She recently signed an extension through 2020. — AP

PEREZ TO REMAIN AS REAL MADRID PRESIDENT UNTIL 2021

MADRID: Florentino Perez will remain as president of Real Madrid until 2021 after no other candidates ran against him, the Spanish champions announced yesterday. "As no other candidature was put forward to the board ... it is proclaimed that Mr Florentino Pérez Rodríguez is president of Real Madrid," the club said in a statement. It will be the third term for the 70-year-old construction magnate who has spent 15 years at the helm of Europe's most successful club — 2000-2006 and since 2009. However his opponents criticised reforms in the club statutes which have toughened criteria for aspiring candidates. Candidates must now have been a member of Real for over 20 years, compared to the old requirement of 10 years, and have a personal fortune of over 75 million euros (\$84 million). Under Perez, Real Madrid have won three Champions League titles in four seasons. The club—which also won La Liga last season—lead the way in the elite European competition with 12 trophies. — AFP

MCNAMARA EXITS WARRIORS TO TAKE OVER CATALANS

WELLINGTON: The New Zealand Warriors announced Monday that assistant coach Steve McNamara was leaving to take over at Super League club Catalans Dragons. Former England mentor McNamara only joined the Warriors in October but said the chance to become a head coach was too good to turn down. "I love this club and the people here but the opportunity to take up a head coaching role has suddenly become available," he said in a statement. The Warriors said McNamara had been given an immediate release from his contract and would take over at Perpignan-based Catalans in time for their match against Warrington this weekend. — AFP



Gulf Bank representative receiving the award

GULF BANK CONGRATULATES WOMEN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank was pleased to sponsor the 'Women Football Tournament' for female football players in Kuwait and the GCC. The players showcased their soccer skills and abilities during the tournament which culminated in an exciting championship match on 14 June. The event was organized by Eighty Percent, a socially driven sports company established by three young Kuwaiti women dedicated to sports and fitness.

Held over the period of two weeks, the 'Women Football Tournament' included 120 players from Kuwait and the region who competed over 20 games and scored a total 104 goals. The games were held at the Sheikh Jaber Stadium and attendance was high. Team Jaguars were the champions of the tournament, team Vamos took second place, and team West Wing came in third place. A special award for best team of the tournament went to All Oyoum Sports Club.

An awards ceremony was held after the championship match, with speeches from HE Sheikha Zain Al Sabah, Undersecretary of the Ministry of State of Youth Affairs; Khaled Al Roudan, Minister of Commerce and Industry; Dr Hamoud Fulaiteh, Deputy Director General of the Public Authority for Sports; and Ms Rawya Al Hajery, Co-Founder of Eighty Percent.

Ms Laila Al-Qatami, Assistant General Manager of Corporate Communications at Gulf Bank said: "Gulf Bank was pleased to support Eighty Percent's football tournament for females. The Bank believes in supporting talented Kuwaiti entrepreneurs and the importance of sports and fitness play in leading a healthy lifestyle. The Bank is also a strong supporter of women's empowerment initiatives. The Bank congratulates the winning team on their victory and all the players for their commitment. We also extend our best wishes to everyone who worked to make the event a success. Furthermore, we look forward to supporting more initiatives from young Kuwaiti entrepreneurs that showcase the talent we have in our country. Ms Rawya Al Hajery, said: "We are very pleased with the success achieved this year and with our partnership with Gulf Bank. We look forward to organizing future tournaments that involve enthusiastic female sports lovers and raise awareness of the opportunities available for females to showcase their skills and talent, while encouraging others to lead healthy and active lives."



Gulf Bank representatives with the winning team (Jaguars)



The first place winners (Jaguars)

Gulf Bank's Ramadan activities for this Holy season included the distribution of food boxes in collaboration with Saveco, Loyal, and Kuwait Food Bank. In addition to celebrating Girgi'an through visits to children's hospitals in collaboration with Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospitals (KAACH) and with the Ideal Education School, Nayef palace and the Kuwait

Center for Mental Health. The Bank also launched a well-received Ramadan dedicated TVC at the start of the Holy month. To find out more about Gulf Bank's initiatives please visit one of Gulf Bank's 56 branches; contact the Customer Contact Center on 1805805, visit the bank's bilingual website at www.e-gulfbank.com, or see its social media channels.

NHL

KUNITZ, FLEURY LEFT UNPROTECTED IN NHL'S UPCOMING EXPANSION DRAFT

LOS ANGELES: The Pittsburgh Penguins have left four-time Stanley Cup champion Chris Kunitz and former all-star goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury unprotected in the National Hockey League's upcoming expansion draft.

Kunitz and Fleury are among the most high-profile players available in this week's draft for the expansion Vegas Golden Knights who will make their NHL debut in the 2017-18 season.

The Golden Knights' selection of 30 players—one from each NHL club—will be revealed at the 2017 NHL awards and expansion draft on Wednesday in Las Vegas. After Fleury agreed to waive the no-movement clause in his contract, the Penguins protected goaltender Matt Murray, who led them a week ago to their second consecutive championship.

Kunitz has been one of superstar Sidney Crosby's most consistent linemates over the

years. He scored the winning goal in double overtime of game seven against the Ottawa Senators, which advanced the Penguins to the Stanley Cup finals against the Nashville Predators.

The NHL announced Sunday the available and protected lists for the 30 teams who will provide players to the Golden Knights. Each team can only lose one player.

The San Jose Sharks failed to protect forward Joe Thornton, the Washington Capitals left forward TJ Oshie free, the Florida Panthers made forward Jaromir Jagr available and the Montreal Canadiens didn't protect Russian star Alexander Radulov.

The Knights can also choose from several others off the Stanley Cup champions' list including forwards Matt Cullen, Bryan Rust, Carl Hagelin and defenceman Trevor Daley.

The Predators didn't protect James Neal, Mike Fisher, Colton Sissons, Craig Smith and Pontus Aberg. Neal is a nine-time 20-goal scorer.

Anaheim Ducks couldn't find room on their list to protect fifth year defenceman Sami Vatanen, who won't be ready for the start of next season after having surgery to repair a shoulder injury.

Eric Staal of the Minnesota Wild, Dustin Brown of the Los Angeles Kings, Thomas Vanek of Florida, Bobby Ryan of Ottawa and Kris Russell of the Edmonton Oilers were among the other forwards left unprotected.

Notable goalies available to the Knights include, Philipp Grubauer of Washington, Roberto Luongo of Florida, Detroit Red Wings Petr Mrazek and Colorado's Calvin Pickard, who backstopped Canada to a silver medal last month at the World Championships. — AFP



AUB ANNOUNCES PARTICIPATION IN A WALK-A-THON IN SUPPORT OF AUTISM STRICKEN

KUWAIT: Ahli United Bank (AUB) announced its participation in a Walk-A-Thon in the Avenue Mall recently. The activity was organized by Autism Partnership Center - Kuwait, designated for individuals suffering from autism. A large number of individuals participated which had a great impact on creating awareness with the problem of autism.

On this occasion, Ahli United Bank issued a statement expressing its happiness with providing the necessary support for the success of this Walk-A-Thon which aims at educating the society about autism and reflects efforts of solidarity with Autism stricken individuals and their families.

Ahli United Bank's support came in line with its social responsibility towards the various categories of the society especially the more needy ones who deserve support. It also conforms to the Bank's concern with the individuals with special needs in gen-

eral and the facilities it accords to its clients from this category.

Ahli United Bank added that it is keen to participate in such events which aim at making a noticeable and serious change in the lives of affected children through promoting society awareness of the nature of Autism and the necessity of having early and accurate diagnosis and how to provide timely assistance to affected individuals to enable their integration in the society.

Ahli United Bank expressed its gratitude to the Autism Partnership Center - Kuwait, where their efforts have contributed to the awareness with the problem of Autism.

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RUGBY

LIONS LOOK TO CONTINUE MOMENTUM AGAINST CHIEFS

WELLINGTON: British and Irish Lions coach Warren Gatland has called on his midweek lineup to continue the momentum gained with last weekend's win over the New Zealand Maori in today's tour match against the Chiefs at Hamilton.

Gatland believes the 32-10 win over a strong Maori side has given the Lions new impetus ahead of Saturday's first test against New Zealand. While today's team contains few, if any, of the players who will face the All Blacks at Eden Park, Gatland says the midweekers will play a role in keeping the Lions' confidence high approaching the three-test series.

Saturday's win in Rotorua was by far the Lions' best performance in five tour matches to date, improving their record to three wins and two losses and providing the best showcase yet for the style of play they will adopt throughout the test series.

A strong set piece, contestible kicking, and a good kick-chase backed up by solid work at the breakdown and sound defense set the platform for the win over the Maori. Gatland will hope to see that continue against the Chiefs.

Today's match against the Chiefs will have little impact on the Lions' test preparation, unless they suffer a third midweek defeat which will affect the mood in the touring camp.

CRITICIZED

Gatland has clearly divided his squad into test and midweek lineups and it was for that reason he called on six players - four from Wales and two from Scotland who are currently playing in the South Pacific - to bring up his current complement to a full 46 players, the equivalent of two match-day 23s.

He has called on Gareth Davies, Cory Hill, Tomas Francis and Kristian Dacey from

Wales and Scotland's Finn Russell and Allan Dell, all of whom have been named on the bench against the Chiefs. The larger squad should keep to a minimum the number of players having to play twice in a week.

But Gatland has been heavily criticized by some British coaches and former players. England coach Eddie Jones said Gatland has resorted to selecting players on the basis of "geographical proximity" rather than ability.

Former Lions coach Ian McGeechan said Gatland's decision to add six players to his touring party "strikes the wrong note."

"I can understand why Warren Gatland has done what he has," McGeechan said. "I have got no issues with protecting the test team by calling up some extra cover for midweek. "But why not call up the players who just missed out on selection in the first place? The ones who deserve to be there, who would give their right arms to be there, rather than some players purely because they happen to be in the right geographical location."

Gatland appears to be impervious to such criticism but appears more sensitive to barbs from his native New Zealand, where the Lions are being dismissed in some quarters as "one trick ponies."

New Zealand commentators have condemned the Lions as boring and have criticized the one-dimensional nature of their game plan. The tactic of using scrumhalf Conor Murray to repeatedly kick into the box worked against the Maori on a dewy night in Rotorua but is thought less likely to succeed against the All Blacks. While the Lions had 75 percent of possession in the Maori match, including 90 percent in the second half, they scored only one try from general play. Otherwise, they relied for their win on a penalty try and six penalties from fullback Leigh Halfpenny. — AP



BROOKLYN: Kyle Larson, driver of the #42 Cars 3/Target Chevrolet, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday in Brooklyn, Michigan. — AFP

MOTOR RACING

LARSON OUTLASTS ELLIOTT AT MICHIGAN SPEEDWAY AGAIN

BROOKLYN: Three times, Kyle Larson needed to outpace the rest of the contenders on late restarts. That's a task he's proven he can handle at Michigan International Speedway. Larson took control on a restart with five laps remaining and held off Chase Elliott on Sunday

for his second NASCAR Cup Series victory of the season. The finish was similar to the race at Michigan last August, when Larson took the lead on a restart with nine laps left en route to his first Cup win.

Larson won this year at Fontana and has five second-place finishes. He also was second in the All-Star race, which doesn't count in the standings. "We've been so close to so many other wins," the 24-year-old Larson said. "This is our second Cup win of the year, but we've had six second-place finishes. All in all, it's a good season so far and we'll continue to keep building on what we've got." It was the third Cup win of Larson's career and 14th by Chip Ganassi Racing. Elliott was second in both Michigan races last year, and again this time. He's winless in 56 career Cup races, but he's fifth in points in 2017.

"We had a couple of opportunities to get the lead, and unfortunately, it just didn't work out, but we'll move on. Congratulations to Kyle," the 21-year-old Elliott said. "He had a fast car today and we'll try to go get 'em next week."

Joey Logano finished third. He beat Elliott in last June's race at MIS. Then Elliott was leading

the August race comfortably before a yellow flag gave Larson a boost. This time, there were three cautions toward the end. The first was for debris, and Larson beat Kyle Busch on the inside for the lead on the restart with 15 laps to go. Then Clint Bowyer went into the wall, bringing out another caution flag. Larson was first off that restart too, only to be slowed by another caution after a multica incident on the backstretch that included Danica Patrick being knocked off the track and into the wall. Finally, with five laps remaining, the race restarted, and Larson took the lead on the outside.

He won by 0.993 seconds in his No. 42 Chevrolet. Martin Truex Jr. won the first two stages of the race but finished sixth, ceding the points lead to Larson. Truex has 10 stage victories this year. Nobody else has more than four.

Truex and Larson were 1-2 in the points standings coming into the race, and Truex was second to Larson in qualifying Friday. Their dominance carried over to the race Sunday, at least at the start. They were the only drivers to lead during the first half of the 200-lap, 400-mile race.

Denny Hamlin, who won Saturday's Xfinity event, finished fourth Sunday, followed by Jamie McMurray and Truex. Busch ended up seventh, followed by Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Dale Earnhardt Jr. Jimmie Johnson, who started at the back after going to his backup car, finished 10th.

Some other things to note from Sunday's race:

HIS TYPE OF TRACK

Larson's three Cup victories have all come at 2-mile tracks, although there are some differences between racing at MIS and Fontana.

"Michigan and Fontana are very, very similar in shape and size, but the racing surface is way different," Larson said. "Fontana's rough and bumpy, and it's wore-out surface - you have to really, really take care of your tires and move around, find different lanes that work. Here at Michigan, your tires don't wear out quite as bad, not nearly as bad, and your line doesn't move around a ton, but it's really fast, got a lot of grip. "They're both a lot of fun."

FROM THE FRONT

This was the fifth time in the past eight races at Michigan that the pole winner also won the race. It has happened three times in the Cup Series this year - Larson also did it at Fontana, and Stenhouse pulled it off at Talladega last month.

Still, Larson didn't feel he had the dominant car Sunday.

"The 78 (Truex) was by far the class of the field, I thought," Larson said. "I thought the 18 (Busch) was next best, the 20 (Matt Kenseth) was better than I was on the long run. I thought we were probably a third- or fourth-place car, and then to come out a winner, it makes it that much more exciting, I guess." — AP



HAMILTON: British and Irish Lions match day captain Rory Best prepares to catch a ball during the team's captains run at Waikato Stadium in Hamilton, New Zealand, yesterday. The Lions play the Chiefs here today. — AP

FONUUA RELIEVED AS HULL SURVIVE CASTLEFORD BLITZ

LONDON: Mahe Fonua admitted Hull FC had survived a gruelling examination from Castleford as the holders held on to book their place in the Challenge Cup semi-finals.

After an impressive cross-field run from Australian Mark Minichiello, Fonua seized upon a pass before crashing over with 15 minutes remaining. That was shortly followed by a Jamie Shaul try as reigning champions Hull pulled into a 14-point lead.

Super League leaders Castleford had won eight successive matches going into the game and gave themselves hope when Greg Minikin went over late on but Hull held on to record a 32-24 win.

"We knew Cas were going to come down all guns blazing, they are top of the league, and we didn't expect anything less," said Fonua, who will return to the Australian Super League at the end of the season to join the Wests Tigers. "We knew they would fight all the way to the end. Even though I scored with 12 minutes to go, we knew they would come all the way to the end. "It was a bit of black magic with a Fijian touch with the try." Carlos Tuimavave and Fetuli Talanoa tries and a Jake Connor penalty gave Hull a 14-12 half-time lead with Ben Roberts and Zak Hardaker scoring for the visitors.

Connor then kicked three more penalties and Roberts crossed again before Hull made their crucial scores. In the last four, Castleford will face Leeds, who thumped Featherstone Rovers 58-0 in their quarter-

final. The other semi-final will see Salford play Wigan, the only side outside of Super League's top four left in the competition.

Salford ran out 30-6 winners over Wakefield, while Wigan survived a late scare to get past Warrington 27-26.

Tony Smith's Wolves had two late chances to win it but Stefan Ratchford was off target with his long-range penalty and Declan Patton put his drop-goal attempt wide.

Wigan head coach Shaun Wane said: "We could easily have lost that which would have been frustrating because I thought we did enough to win it comfortably.

"We gave ourselves a lot to do, cheap plays, unforced errors and the penalty count was against us again.

"Warrington were never going to lie down, they showed a lot of desire to stay in that game and makes that victory a bit more sweeter." In the weekend's only Super League clash, Rick Stone won the battle of the Australian coaches as his Huddersfield side beat Justin Holbrook's St Helens 24-16.

Former Saints man Lee Gaskell scored the clinching try for his side's third consecutive win although much of the post-match talk was also about new signing Jordan Rankin from Wests Tigers.

He said: "To win the way we did tonight was really satisfying and was probably the toughest and the most courageous I think we've played since I've been here, which is nearly 12 months now." — AFP

RACING

GODOLPHIN LOOK TO BATTLE BACK IN ROYAL STYLE

ASCOT: Dubai's Godolphin Operation will seek to use racing's most glamorous week at Royal Ascot to begin their fight back and put a stop to the bandwagon of master Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien.

The 47-year-old O'Brien has won three of the four English classics this season whilst one has generally had to look a fair way back to find the royal blue silks of Sheikh Mohammed bin al-Maktoum's Godolphin runners.

Both of Europe's major players will hope to put on a show that befits a queen although tomorrow will be a rare occasion when the noted turfiste and owner/breeder Queen Elizabeth II will be absent.

She has to formally open parliament and announce the British government legislative programme delayed because of Conservative Prime Minister Theresa May's protracted talks with the Democratic Unionist Party to gain her minority government their support.

Some wags remarked Queen Elizabeth will have a copy of the Racing Post beside the throne. It is questionable whether even such a thought would bring a smile to

Sheikh Mohammed's lips as there has been precious little cheer for Godolphin not just this season but for several preceding it.

Not one English classic winner has been welcomed back by Dubai's ruler since Dawn Approach landed the 2013 English 2000 Guineas.

DECISIONS

That lack of success and a deterior-

ation between four-time champion trainer Saeed bin Suroor and Sheikh Mohammed's chief aide John Ferguson saw the latter step down as chief executive after the Derby meeting earlier this month. "Now Sheikh Mohammed makes the decisions, nobody else," said a sated Bin Suroor. "I like things this way."

Another brave new dawn could be launched right from the outset of



Aidan O'Brien

the meeting with Ribchester-trained in Yorkshire by Richard Fahey-the warm favourite to take the Queen Anne Stakes especially after his eye-catching win in the Group One Lockinge Stake.

O'Brien will field two runners in Cougar Mountain and Deauville but most interest will be on the Australian-owned Kaspersky trained by Jane Chapple-Hyam and to be ridden by the remarkable Melbourne Cup winning jockey Michelle Payne.

The 31-year-old-who rode 100/1 roughie Prince of Penzance to victory in the 'race that stops a nation' in 2015 — has defied those who thought her career was over when she suffered a torn pancreas in a fall last year and is looking forward to her ride on the two-time Group Two winner. "Who knows what can happen in racing? The possibilities are endless," said Payne, who is due to have a film made about her life.

"If you work hard, you never know. Royal Ascot is a fantastic occasion and it's a dream to be involved. Everyone at home is excited for me as well and setting their alarms to be up early to watch." — AFP



OAKLAND: Oakland Athletics shortstop Chad Pinder (18) throws to first after forcing out New York Yankees’ Aaron Judge (99) at second base, turning a double play on Matt Holliday, during the eighth inning of a baseball game on Sunday in Oakland, Calif. — AP

BASEBALL

KENTA MAEDA HELPS DODGERS BEAT REDS

CINCINNATI: Japanese pitcher Kenta Maeda (5-3) pitched five strong innings and drove in two runs, Logan Forsythe and Justin Turner homered, and Kike Hernandez made a spectacular game-saving catch to help Los Angeles hold on to beat Cincinnati 8-7 in Major League Baseball on Sunday. Cincinnati nearly rallied all the way back from an 8-1 deficit in the sixth inning. However, Hernandez went back to the left-field wall and made an awkward leaping grab of Joey Votto's attempt at a go-ahead extra-base hit with runners on first and third in the eighth. Kenley Jansen got the last three outs for his 15th save. Bronson Arroyo (3-6), who was roughed up for nine runs and a career-high 13 hits in his last start at San Diego, lasted only three innings against the Dodgers, giving up five runs and seven hits.

ROCKIES 7, GIANTS 5

Nolan Arenado completed the cycle with a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning, and the Colorado Rockies stunned the San Francisco Giants by rallying for this victory. Arenado hit the first pitch he saw from All-Star closer Mark Melancon (1-2) into the left-field seats to finish a four-game sweep. The slugger was mobbed at home plate by teammates, with a frenzied sellout crowd chanting "MVP! MVP!" With the best record in the National League, the surprising Rockies have won five straight overall and nine in a row against the Giants. Last-place San Francisco has dropped six consecutive games and nine of 11. Melancon retired his first batter, but three singles produced a run and brought up Arenado, who tripled in the first, singled in the fourth and had an RBI double in the sixth. He hit a 91 mph fastball for his 15th homer and first career cycle. Carlos Estevez (4-0), called up from the minors before the game, struck out one batter in the ninth for the win.

INDIANS 5, TWINS 2

Edwin Encarnacion homered twice, Trevor Bauer pitched seven strong innings and Jose Ramirez had his sixth straight multihit game as Cleveland completed a four-game sweep of Minnesota. Cleveland came into the series trailing the Twins by two games in the AL Central. The sweep vaulted the Indians two games ahead and gave the defending AL champions sole possession of first place in the division for the first time since May 10. Bauer (6-5) allowed two runs and four hits with two walks and eight strikeouts. He retired 15 straight before

hitting Kennys Vargas with a pitch in the seventh. Eduardo Escobar and Eddie Rosario followed with RBI hits to put Minnesota on the board. Kyle Gibson (4-5) retired nine straight before Encarnacion hit a 443-foot drive to the second deck in left field to put Cleveland on top 1-0 in the third.

CUBS 7, PIRATES 1

John Lackey and three relievers combined on a three-hitter, and Anthony Rizzo homered among his three hits to lead Chicago past Pittsburgh. The defending World Series champions took two of three in Pittsburgh and improved to 34-34 this season. Lackey (5-7) allowed two hits and struck out four over six innings. Carl Edwards Jr., Hector Rondon and Brian Duensing finished up for the Cubs. The first four Chicago runs came against Jameson Taillon (3-2), who made his second start since returning from surgery to treat testicular cancer. Taillon gave up eight hits in five innings while striking out four.

ATHLETICS 4, YANKEES 3

Khris Davis hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the third that held up to back rookie Jharel Cotton's first victory since May 4, as Oakland completed a four-game sweep of slumping New York. New York welcomed back flame-throwing closer Aroldis Chapman but still lost its season-high sixth straight game following a six-game winning streak, finishing a disappointing 1-6 road trip with a weekend dud against the American League's worst team. Cotton (4-7) struck out six over 6 1/3 innings for his second-longest start of the season. Luis Cessa (0-1) allowed four runs and five hits in four innings for New York.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, PHILLIES 4, 10 INNINGS

Rey Fuentes hit his first major league home run in the 10th inning, lifting Arizona over Philadelphia. Fuentes entered in the eighth inning as a pinch runner and was caught stealing. However, the rookie redeemed himself with a homer off Jeanmar Gomez (3-2) with one out in the 10th. Hector Neris entered with a 4-3 lead in the ninth and failed to pick up a save for the second time in eight chances. Archie Bradley (3-1) pitched a scoreless ninth, stranding a pair of baserunners. Fernando Rodney earned his 20th save in 23 chances.

BREWERS 2, PADRES 1

Jimmy Nelson struck out 10 in his first

career complete game and Milwaukee got home runs from Hernan Perez and Manny Pina to edge San Diego on Sunday. Nelson (5-3) allowed six hits and two walks while throwing 118 pitches in his 89th major league start. He gave up only an unearned run and lowered his ERA to 3.28. Leading off the sixth inning, Perez hit his 10th home run into the Brewers' bullpen off starter Luis Perdomo (1-4). One batter later, Pina connected on a 1-2 pitch for his fourth of the season to give Milwaukee a 2-1 lead.

ORIOLES 8, CARDINALS 5

Ubaldo Jimenez was stellar in his first start since May 22 and Mark Trumbo homered for the second consecutive day as Baltimore beat St. Louis. Baltimore homered 10 times while winning two of three against the Cardinals to improve to .500 (34-34). It was the first time the Orioles won a three-game series since May 29-31 against the Yankees. Jimenez (2-2) will likely stay in the rotation after allowing two runs and four hits with three strikeouts and two walks over seven innings. Brad Brach picked up his 12th save for Baltimore. St. Louis' Lance Lynn (5-4) allowed seven runs and nine hits with five strikeouts and a career high four home runs over 4 2/3 innings.

RAYS 9, TIGERS 1

Logan Morrison homered twice and Steven Souza Jr. hit his first career grand slam as Tampa Bay beat Detroit to split a four-game series. Derek Norris and Evan Longoria also homered for the Rays. Jake Faria (3-0) allowed one run, six hits and a walk in seven innings. He struck out a career-high nine. Buck Farmer (2-1) allowed seven runs in 2 1/3 innings, and has allowed 13 runs in 4 2/3 innings over his last two starts.

MARINERS 7, RANGERS 3

Kyle Seager drove in three runs with three

METS 5, NATIONALS 1

Jacob deGrom hit his first major league home run and shut down a bruising Washington lineup on three singles for eight dominant innings, giving New York a win that prevented a four-game sweep. The NL East-leading Nationals had been 6-0 at Citi Field this season and had battered the Mets in three games this week, never trailing while totaling 18 extra-base hits. But they had trouble touching the blue-stitched balls - used all around Major League Baseball on Father's Day - thrown by deGrom (6-3). A career .199 hitter in 176 at-bats coming in, deGrom also provided the biggest jolt. He hit the first pitch of the third inning from Joe Ross (3-3) over the wall in left-center.

BLUE JAYS 7, WHITE SOX 3

Kendrys Morales and Russell Martin each homered to help Toronto beat Chicago. Martin tied the game in the sixth with his seventh home run of the season, a two-run shot to the center field fence that bounced off the glove of outfielder Willy Garcia and over. Ryan Goins tripled home Steve Pearce against Anthony Swarzak (3-2) for the tiebreaking run two batters later. J.A. Happ (2-4) picked up his first home win of the season, giving up three runs over 6 2/3 innings.

BRAVES 5, MARLINS 4

Brandon Phillips' single drove in Johan

Camargo from third base in the ninth inning to give Atlanta a win over Miami. It was the second straight game-ending hit for Phillips, whose run-scoring single in the 10th gave Atlanta an 8-7 victory Saturday. Camargo hit a one-out infield single off Drew Steckenrider (0-1) and moved to third on Ender Inciarte's line-drive single up the middle. Jim Johnson (5-1) pitched a scoreless ninth.

ROYALS 7, ANGELS 3

Jason Vargas earned his 10th win, the most in the majors, and Salvador Perez hit a three-run homer as Kansas City beat Los Angeles. Mike Moustakas had a three-run double for the Royals, who went 7-2 on their California trip and scored at least seven runs in six of those victories. Vargas (10-3) gave up three runs and eight hits in six innings, and Kelvin Herrera got two outs for his 15th save. JC Ramirez (6-5) allowed five runs in three innings.

RED SOX 6, ASTROS 5

Xander Bogaerts went deep twice for the first multihomer game of his career and had four RBIs to lead the Boston Red Sox to victory over the Houston Astros. Bogaerts had just two homers entering Sunday's game. He ended an 0-for-14 skid when he connected off Joe Musgrove (4-6) to make it 1-0 with two outs in the first inning. A two-run shot by Bogaerts in the sixth put the Red Sox up 3-2. Jackie Bradley Jr. added a two-run double later that inning. Houston cut the lead to 5-4 with homers from Jake Marisnick and George Springer in the sixth, but an RBI single by Bogaerts added an insurance run in the seventh. David Price (2-1) got the win despite tying a season high by allowing eight hits with three runs and three walks in five-plus innings. Craig Kimbrel allowed one hit in a scoreless ninth for his 20th save. — AP

Baseball results/standings

Boston 6, Houston 5; Oakland 4, NY Yankees 3; Kansas City 7, LA Angels 3; Colorado 7, San Francisco 5; Seattle 7, Texas 3; Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2; Milwaukee 2, San Diego 1; Arizona 5, Philadelphia 4 (10 innings); Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 1; Atlanta 5, Miami 4; Baltimore 8, St. Louis 5; LA Dodgers 8, Cincinnati 7; Tampa Bay 9, Detroit 1; NY Mets 5, Washington 1; Toronto 7, Chicago White Sox 3.

American League				National League			
Eastern Division				Eastern Division			
	W	L	PCT	GB			
NY Yankees	38	29	.567	-	Washington	42	27 .609
Boston	39	30	.565	-	NY Mets	31	37 .456
Tampa Bay	37	35	.514	3.5	Atlanta	31	37 .456
Baltimore	34	34	.500	4.5	Miami	30	37 .448
Toronto	33	35	.485	5.5	Philadelphia	22	46 .324
Central Division				Central Division			
Cleveland	36	31	.537	-	Milwaukee	38	33 .535
Minnesota	34	33	.507	2	Chicago Cubs	34	34 .500
Kansas City	33	35	.485	3.5	St. Louis	31	37 .456
Detroit	32	36	.471	4.5	Pittsburgh	31	38 .449
Chicago White Sox	31	37	.456	5.5	Cincinnati	29	39 .426
Western Division				Western Division			
Houston	46	24	.657	-	Colorado	46	26 .639
Texas	34	34	.500	11	LA Dodgers	44	26 .629
LA Angels	36	37	.493	11.5	Arizona	44	26 .629
Seattle	34	37	.479	12.5	San Diego	28	42 .400
Oakland	31	38	.449	14.5	San Francisco	26	45 .366



ARLINGTON: Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor (12) is upended after tagging out Seattle Mariners' Danny Valencia on a steal attempt in the third inning of a baseball game, Sunday, in Arlington, Texas. — AP

DROUGHT-BREAKING CRICKET WIN GETS POSITIVE SPIN IN PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD: The 600 people of the Dawoodi bohra community were supposed to be gathering to have food together in a hall soon after breaking a 15 1/2 -hour fast on Sunday.

Instead, those who gathered at the religious center in Rawalpindi delayed the food in order to watch Pakistan's historic win over India at the Champions Trophy on a giant TV screen. For them, and for millions of people across Pakistan, the taste of victory was sweet.

"You can expect anything from only one cricket team in the world and that is Pakistan," Ali Abbas Mandosarwala, who was at the center with his wife, two sons and a daughter, said as India was bowled out for 158 and lost the final by a margin of 180 runs.

"Honestly I wasn't expecting Pakistan to go beyond the group stage," he added, reflecting on the unpredictable nature of the national team, "but the young players have shown there's nothing impossible in this world."

Communities gathered around TV screens throughout the country on Sunday night to share the moment as Pakistan won its first ever Champions Trophy, just weeks after being written off following a loss in the tournament's opening match - also against India. Jubilant fans spilled onto the streets dancing and distributing sweets soon after Hasan Ali claimed the last Indian wicket in the 31st over. Led by Fakhar Zaman's aggressive 114

off 106 balls, Pakistan scored 338-4 at The Oval in London after India won the toss and surprisingly opted to field first. In reply India was skittled with nearly 20 overs to spare.

The national media on Monday heaped praise on the team. "Pakistan champion, rolled over Indian team," leading Urdu language Daily Jang printed across its front page. Seam bowlers Mohammad Amir and Ali took three wickets apiece to lead the Pakistan bowling attack in the country's first appearance in the final of the limited-overs tournament which is regarded as a mini-World Cup.

"India couldn't even make half of the score, whole team booked in 30.3 overs," the Daily Jang said.

It was a stunning turnaround for Pakistan, which was ranked eighth in the eight-team competition and lost its opening group match against India by 124 runs. Under Sarfraz Ahmed's captaincy, Pakistan beat South Africa and Sri Lanka in the remaining group matches before surprising host England in the semifinals. Ali, the right-arm seamer, took 13 wickets to win the player-of-the-tournament award "All hail the champs," the English-language Express Tribune headlined its lead front page story. The Daily Dawn noted Amir's three wickets in his opening spell, which included the key wicket of Virat Kohli, while describing Fakhar's century in only his fourth ODI as scintillating. — AP



ISLAMABAD: A Pakistani man holds a morning newspaper with front page coverage of Pakistan's victory against India in the ICC Champions Trophy final cricket match played in London, in Islamabad yesterday. Pakistani newspapers headlined the national cricket team's victory against India, who they thrashed by 180 runs to win the Champions Trophy final at The Oval in London on Sunday. — AFP



LONDON: Pakistan's Sarfraz Ahmed jumps into the arms of Pakistan's Imad Wasim (R) after he catches India's MS Dhoni during the ICC Champions Trophy final cricket match between India and Pakistan at The Oval in London on Sunday. — AFP

CRICKET

ARTHUR EAGER FOR WORLD XI VISIT TO PAKISTAN AFTER CHAMPIONS TROPHY WIN

LONDON: Pakistan coach Mickey Arthur said he hoped a proposed World XI visit to the country later this year went ahead after his side served notice of their enduring talent with a stunning Champions Trophy final win over India.

Bottom-ranked Pakistan produced a breathtaking display at London's Oval on Sunday to inflict a 180-run defeat upon arch rivals India, the title-holders, in the climax of a tournament featuring the world's top eight one-day international nations.

Pakistan made 338 for four, with Fakhar Zaman's 114 — the left-handed opener's maiden ODI hundred-the cornerstone.

Mohammad Amir then reduced India to 33 for three by dismissing all the members of their much vaunted top three, with Rohit Sharma out for a duck and opposing skipper Virat Kohli, the world's leading ODI batsman, falling for just five.

India eventually collapsed to 158 all out as they suffered their heaviest defeat, by runs, in 129 ODIs against Pakistan.

With the exception of Zimbabwe's tour two years ago, Pakistan have had to play all of their 'home' matches outside of the country since a

2009 terror attack on Sri Lanka's team bus in Lahore. However, the International Cricket Council are set to send a World XI to Pakistan in September.

That team could find themselves acting as a 'path-finder' for the resumption of tours of Pakistan by major cricket nations.

Giles Clarke, the president of the England and Wales Cricket Board and head of the ICC's Pakistan task force said, in comments reported by the Guardian in March: "The desire is to give the cricket-starved Pakistani supporters the chance to see some of the world's finest players in live action.

"Furthermore, the terrorists cannot win and cricket must not give up on Pakistan."

Arthur for one was looking forward to the series. "We're scheduled to have a World XI in Pakistan in September for three Twenty20 games," he said.

"So hopefully that starts paving the way for future tours. We can only hope." Pakistan's victory on Sunday was all the more astounding given a 124-run defeat by India in their tournament opener at Edgbaston on June 4.

'Keep believing'

The turnaround was a triumph for Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed, who impressed in his triple role of wicket-keeper, batsman and skipper. "I hope this win will boost Pakistan cricket and all the (major) playing nations will come to Pakistan," said Sarfraz, who will now look to lead Pakistan at the 2019 World Cup in England as well.

He added: "Hopefully this win, everyone will remember, not just for today, not just for tomorrow, but for a very long, long time.

"When we arrived here (in England), we were No 8 and now we are the champions."

Meanwhile, Arthur paid tribute to Sarfraz's role as both a tactician and a leader following what was by, the coach's own admission, a "shambolic" first-up loss to India.

"We just had to keep believing ... they kept on believing, trusting their roles (and) trusting the game-plan that 'Saffy' (Sarfraz) and I had set up," said Arthur for whom this was a first major tournament success after spells in charge of both his native South Africa and Australia. — AFP

AFGHAN PRIDE AS TEST STATUS BECKONS

KABUL: Afghanistan's fairytale rise in world cricket could this week see them acquire coveted Test status, a massive boost for a nation long divided by war and riven by ethnic rivalries.

No longer rank minnows, Asghar Stanikzai's team are up for consideration following their victories over Ireland in the Intercontinental Cup in March, paving the way for their potential entry into cricket's elite. Both Afghanistan and Ireland are bidding to become the 11th and 12th nations to join the Test club, nearly two decades after their immediate predecessors Bangladesh, if confirmed by the International Cricket Council (ICC) at a meeting in London.

"A committee is working inside the cricket board, and we will work on our proposal to present it to the ICC in the future, and hopefully full membership and Test status are on the way," chairman of the Afghan cricket board, Atef Mashal told AFP during a recent interview.

"We cannot give any time frame at the moment, it is upon the ICC, they will decide when to give Afghanistan the Test status, and it is not in our hands," Mashal said.

Unlike the sport's other major players, Afghanistan was never a colony of the British Empire.

Instead many Afghans' first contact with the sport took place during the 1980s and 1990s, as refugees who had fled to Pakistan to escape the Soviet invasion.

Cricket struggled under the hardline Islamist Taliban, who viewed sports as a distraction from religious duties-and famously shaved the heads of a visiting Pakistani football team as punishment for wearing shorts.

But it has become hugely popular in the country since the regime was toppled in a US-led invasion in 2001.

IPL BOOST

Recent successes, particularly in last year's ICC World Twenty20, have further raised the country's profile.

Spinners Rashid Khan, who idolises former Pakistan international Shahid Afridi, and Mohammad Nabi both made their mark in the Indian Premier League.

Khan was sixth-highest wicket-taker in his debut IPL with 17 scalps, and the pair broke into the top 10 of the ICC one-day

international bowling rankings during the just-concluded tour of the West Indies.

Their former batting coach and former Pakistan skipper Rashid Latif said a place among the Test nations was well deserved and would benefit them in the future.

"Afghanistan deserves Test status because their performances are good. Once they get to play Tests, more and more players will come forward just like happened in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh-Kenya suffered because they were not awarded," he told AFP. "I think it will be the ICC's best decision of the century," he added. Khan and Nabi are both Pashtuns, the country's dominant ethnic group with deep ties to Pashtuns across the border in Pakistan. In years gone by Afghanistan maintained a younger sibling relationship with its eastern neighbour.

Kabir Khan, a former Pakistan international, coached the team from 2008-10 and oversaw their stratospheric rise from Division 5 od world cricket to ODI status.

UNIFYING FORCE?

More recently, however, the team has followed broader geopolitical currents and pivoted toward India, Pakistan's historic rival.

Last year, Afghanistan's national team shifted its base from Sharjah in United Arab Emirates to Noida, Delhi, while India's former batsman Lalchand Rajput replaced Pakistan's Inzamam-ul-Haq as their national team coach.

There are nevertheless questions about how well Afghanistan will do in the game's longest format. Bangladesh famously floundered for their first decade while New Zealand took 26 years to win their first Test.

Pakistani cricket writer Ahmer Naqvi, said it was important to be patient. "For any team to make its mark, it takes a while to really get a hang of it no matter how good you are at the shorter versions." But, he added: "It's extremely important to provide Test status for Afghanistan and perhaps Ireland, because it is also a virtuous circle" of greater funding, organisation and structure.

Currently, all of the national team's players are Pashtuns from the eastern provinces-Nangarhar, Kunar, Logar, Kunduz and Paktia.

Tajiks comprise the country's second biggest ethnicity and are more likely to participate in football where they dominate the national team. —AFP

PAKISTAN TEAM HAILED BY MEDIA AFTER 'CONFOUNDING EVERYONE'

ISLAMABAD: Jubilant photographs of Pakistan cricket fans dancing in the streets were plastered all over national newspapers yesterday after their eighth-ranked team produced a thrilling win against arch-rivals India in the Champions Trophy final. Pakistan inflicted a massive 180-run defeat upon title-holders and favourites India at the Oval in London on Sunday to win the tournament featuring the world's top eight one-day international nations. The victory was splashed across most major newspapers, with leading English daily Dawn proclaiming: "Pakistan breaks jinx, trounce India in dream final".

While the country's largest paper, the Urdu-daily Jang, announced: "Pakistan Champions, trounced Indian team." Pakistan made 338 for four, with the cornerstone being opener Fakhar Zaman's 114, his maiden ODI hundred. Mohammad Amir then reduced India to 33 for three by dismissing their much-vaunted top three, with Rohit Sharma out for a duck and opposing skipper Virat Kohli, the world's top-ranked ODI batsman, falling for just five. India eventually collapsed to 158 all out as they suffered their heaviest defeat in terms of runs in 129 ODIs against Pakistan.

Banks, government and other organizations ran full-page advertisements congratulating the team for their historic win. In an editorial titled "Victory is sweet", the Express Tribune said: "When you are an underdog in a high-octane tournament final and your highly-regarded opponent is the

defending champion, hardly anyone has any expectations of you except of course your cricket-mad 200 million plus compatriots." The News, in a piece headlined "Champions", said: "When Pakistan was thrashed by India in its opening match of the Champions Trophy, the obituaries were already being written.

"But if there is one thing you can say about the Pakistan cricket team, it is that it exists to confound everyone." In India almost all print media went easy on Kohli and his team, crediting Pakistan's performance though the front-page of the Hindustan Times screamed "Obliterated at the Oval: India humiliated by Pak." The Times of India proclaimed: "The Unpredictables Rise Again". Former India captain Ravi Shastri said: "The better team won." Cricket-mad Indian fans resorted to humor to sweep away the disappointment. Twitter user Prachi Dasin said "This is cheating, Fakhar Zaman is out of syllabus!"

Top industrialist Harsh Goenka sent a message to India's foreign minister Sushma Swaraj. "11 Indians stranded in Oval, London. Madam Sushma Swaraj please rescue them," he tweeted. Some news channels showed handful of fans smashing a television in the street after the match-but the antics appeared to have been staged. Pakistan have been forced to play most of their home matches overseas since a 2009 terror attack on Sri Lanka's team bus in Lahore. But the International Cricket Council are planning to send a World XI to play in Pakistan in September. — AFP

PLAYERS WON'T BUDGE ON PAY DEMANDS: WARNER

SYDNEY: Australia's cricketers will not back down in a bitter pay dispute, David Warner has warned amid fears their October tour of India is looming as a flashpoint.

As the June 30 deadline for a new memorandum of understanding between Cricket Australia and the Australian Cricketers Association fast approaches, the Australia vice-captain insisted players won't budge on their demands.

"Well from July 1, we're unemployed," Warner told Channel Nine late Sunday.

"We've been threatened with that. We're hope-

ful there's going to be an agreement done, it's a sticky situation." CA has threatened not to pay contracted players beyond the expiry of their current financial deal at the end of the month if they do not accept a new offer, with the governing body determined to scrap revenue-sharing after 20 years. With a Test squad for an August tour of Bangladesh named last week, Warner was adamant that a lockout was possible. "From our point of view I want to play for Australia and so do the other boys," he said.

"But if there's nothing that's put in place for

what we're trying to achieve here, from both point of views, we're not going to tour Bangladesh, there might not be an Ashes if we don't have an MOU."

For all the concerns about the Bangladesh tour, and the uncertainty about the home Ashes series, cancelling the five ODI India tour in October could cost Australian cricket more than it can afford to lose.

Offending India could jeopardise the nations' reciprocal agreement that has the Indians touring Australia in 2018-19. The Australian newspaper reported. Indian tours generate big money and Cricket Australia risks forgoing the rivers of gold that will flow from hosting four Tests against the world cricket powerhouse, it said.

The outspoken Warner conceded captain Steve Smith could "probably push a little bit more" when it comes to stating the players' case.

While standing with his colleagues, Smith has taken a less strident approach than Warner, diplomatically trying to downplay the prospect of industrial action. "From where I stand and the position I take on this, I try to take as much heat off (Smith) as possible," Warner said.

"He does lead us on the field, and rightfully so off the field as well, he does a great job. "In this circumstance I'm willing to go out there into bat for everyone. "Yeah, sometimes he could probably push a little bit more, but I think he's doing a great job, as well as the other players like Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood as well."

Pay talks between CA and the players' union are set to continue this week with both sides saying they are committed to striking a new MOU before the June 30 cut-off. — AFP



David Warner

REAL MADRID BOSS PEREZ TACKLES RONALDO PROBLEM

MADRID: Florentino Perez's first task after being reelected unopposed as Real Madrid president yesterday will be to appease superstar Cristiano Ronaldo amid speculation the four-time world player of the year wants to leave.

"As no other candidature was put forward to the board ... it is proclaimed that Mr Florentino Perez Rodriguez is president of Real Madrid," the Spanish and European champions said in a statement.

The 70-year-old construction magnate's third term in charge of Europe's most successful club spanning 15 years — 2000-2006 and since 2009 — will be rubber stamped at a ceremony at the Santiago-Bernabeu Stadium later Monday. And

among the first issues he will have to deal with is superstar Ronaldo who he bought in 2009 from Manchester United for a record 94 million euros (\$105.3 million). Ronaldo is threatening to leave Spain after running into problems with tax authorities.

The frenzy of speculation began soon after Ronaldo was accused last week of a 14.7 million euro tax evasion through offshore companies.

The Portuguese international is currently in Russia competing for the European champions in the Confederations Cup.

And according to Spanish sports daily Marca, Ronaldo has told his teammates: "I'm leaving Real. I

have made a decision. There is no turning back."

Portuguese sports daily A Bola also claimed that Perez had already been informed of the 32-year-old's decision.

There has been speculation that Ronaldo is trying to put pressure on Real so that they will bear some of the burden of an eventual fine as Barcelona did for Lionel Messi.

Among the clubs reported to be interested in Ronaldo is former club Manchester United for a fee which could hit 200 million euros, with a possible get-out clause of one billion euros.

Since extending his contract in November until 2021, Ronaldo is according to Forbes the highest

paid sports star in the world with \$93 million (83m euro) in 2016-2017.

Paris Saint-Germain, Bayern Munich and Chelsea are also reported to be interested.

Under Perez, Real Madrid have won three Champions League titles in four seasons. The club, which also won La Liga last season-lead the way in the elite European competition with 12 trophies.

Perez's opponents have criticised reforms in the club statutes which have toughened criteria for aspiring candidates. Candidates must now have been a member of Real for over 20 years, compared to the old requirement of 10 years, and have a personal fortune of over 75 million euros. — AFP

CHILE BEAT CAMEROON, VIDEO REVIEWS DRAW CONTROVERSY

MOSCOW: Alexis Sanchez came off the bench to set up both Chile's goals in a 2-0 Confederations Cup win over on Sunday - but the video assistant referees were the real stars.

Crowded in front of screens in a darkened room, they disallowed a goal for Chile's narrowly offside Eduardo Vargas just before the break, then awarded Vargas a goal in similar circumstances late on. With the video review system getting its first airing in a major FIFA tournament, it brought plenty of tension, but also confusion and bitterness.

Arturo Vidal's 81st-minute header from a Sanchez cross finally gave Chile the lead, before Sanchez set up Vargas in added time for the second. Chile missed several early chances despite clear dominance over defensive-minded Cameroon, but thought they'd taken the lead in first-half stoppage time when Vidal passed the ball to Vargas, who slotted the ball past Fabrice Ondoa. Referee Damir Skomina awarded the goal and Chile's players started an elaborate goal celebration, but the decision was then sent for video review.

Players milled about in confusion, some briefly appearing to think the referee had blown for half-time, and Chile's many traveling fans struggled to understand what was going on.

The review found Vargas offside by a matter of inches, enraging him and Vidal, who angrily complained to Skomina when he blew for half time.

"After the first half we could've been up 1-0, and 20 seconds later, the players go to the locker room tied at 0-0," Chile coach Juan Antonio Pizzi said. "It's disheartening, and we're not used to the emotions that this situation generates, so we have to give it some time to see how it develops".

That seemed to dent Chile's confidence, and Cameroon became more adventurous, at least until Alexis Sanchez - coming off the

bench following an ankle injury in training - crossed for Vidal to head in at the far post.

Chile made it 2-0 in added time, when Sanchez charged through the Chilean defense, but saw his shot saved by Ondoa, only for Vargas to score the rebound. A lengthy review found Sanchez hadn't been offside when he received the ball.

Despite watching his team concede on a video review in its first Confederations Cup game since 2003, Cameroon coach Hugo Broos was enthusiastic about the system. "Of course if they go overboard with these types of situations, it could turn into a circus. But in this case I think it was useful and very important," he said. "If you have these situations several times in each match, then it won't be very comfortable for the players."

South American champion Chile may have fumed at the first video review, but its players also had themselves to blame in a first half packed with missed chances. Cameroon was under pressure immediately, when Eduardo Vargas' first-minute shot cannoned off the post and rebounded back into Ondoa, almost going in.

Ondoa had to palm away a Jose Fuenzalida shot two minutes later as Chile took firm control. With Cameroon's defense playing narrow and ceding the flanks to Chile, Ondoa was also called upon to block a shot from Edson Puch, while Vargas blazed the ball over the bar in the 40th minute.

Cameroon's chances came thanks to occasional poor passing at the back from Chile, with Vincent Aboubakar forcing a save in the 11th from keeper Johnny Herrera, in for the injured Claudio Bravo.

The Cameroonians got the ball in the net once, but the whistle had already gone for a foul on Vidal, by the time Michael Ngadeu Ngadjui headed the ball into the net from a 17th-minute free kick. — AP



KAZAN: Mexico's defender Hector Moreno (15) heads the ball and scores during the 2017 Confederations Cup group A football match between Portugal and Mexico at the Kazan Arena in Kazan on Sunday. — AFP

SOCCER

RONALDO'S PORTUGAL HELD BY MEXICO AT CONFED CUP

KAZAN: Cristiano Ronaldo brushed off speculation about his Real Madrid future, although Portugal conceded a late equaliser in a 2-2 draw with Mexico at the Confederations Cup on Sunday.

Ronaldo teed up Ricardo Quaresma to fire Portugal ahead in the first half in Kazan, but the goal was cancelled out before the break by Mexico striker Javier Hernandez's bullet header.

Cedric Soares restored Portugal's lead on 86 minutes, but Hector Moreno's stoppage-time header salvaged a point for Mexico in their Group A opener.

"We could have killed off the match but it didn't happen. The draw is a fair result without doubt," said Portugal coach Fernando Santos, whose side wore black armbands in honour of the victims of a deadly forest fire back home.

"I would like to say something on behalf of my players. People are very sad in Portugal and the players are thinking of all those who are suffering from what's happened."

Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio said his team deserved their point but admitted there was work to be done going forward.

"Hector Moreno's goal handed Mexican foot-

ball a huge result," he said. "We still need to work on our finishing, we're not efficient enough in the final third of the pitch."

"The next match will be very tough because New Zealand will give it their all," Ronaldo, 32, is reportedly furious over a tax probe into the off-shore accounts dealing with his image rights, and has reportedly vowed to leave Spain.

According to Spanish paper Marca on Sunday, Real Madrid's coach Zinedine Zidane even broke off his holiday to call Ronaldo to try to persuade his star not to quit the club.

VIDEO ASSISTANCE

But Portugal's talisman was at his best in an action-packed first half in his team's opening match, with hosts Russia and New Zealand still to come in the group.

Ronaldo's superb volley looked to have helped Portugal take the lead, but the video assistant referee came to Mexico's rescue after Nani had put the ball in the net.

When Ronaldo's volley thumped the crossbar, Nani pounced on the rebound, but the video ref spotted that four players were offside.

However, Portugal, and Ronaldo, were not to

be denied. The Euro 2016 winners took the lead on 34 minutes when Ronaldo sprinted into the box and his beautifully-timed pass found Quaresma unmarked in the area. The Besiktas winger drew Mexico's goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa and tapped home the opening goal.

But Mexico responded with Hernandez testing Portugal keeper Rui Patricio, before putting his side level. Mexico's all-time top scorer grabbed his 48th international goal from 93 appearances after some dreadful defending by Portugal.

Borussia Dortmund midfielder Raphael Guerreiro failed to deal with a cross into the box and Carlos Vela teed up Hernandez, who met the cross with a diving header.

After an explosive opening period, the second was a much tamer affair as both teams squandered half chances as the tempo dropped.

With time running out, Southampton right-back Cedric pounced on a loose ball and slammed home Portugal's second goal.

But with the 90 minutes up, Mexican defender Moreno rose highest from the final corner of the game to head in the equaliser. — AFP



MOSCOW: Cameroon's defender Adolphe Teikeu (R) heads the ball with Chile's midfielder Arturo Vidal next to Chile's midfielder Francisco Silva (L) during the 2017 Confederations Cup group B football match between Cameroon and Chile at the Spartak Stadium in Moscow on Sunday. — AFP

AHLY CAN END BARREN RUN BY WINNING IN MOROCCO

JOHANNESBURG: Under-performing African giants Al Ahly of Egypt will reach the CAF Champions League knockout stage for the first time in four seasons if they beat Wydad Casablanca in Morocco tomorrow.

Since winning the elite African competition a record-extending eighth time in 2013 by overcoming Orlando Pirates of South Africa, the Cairo "Red Devils" have fallen on hard times.

They failed to reach the group stage the following two years and a third-place mini-league finish last season spelt an earlier-than-expected end to their campaign.

Ahly coach and former player Hossam el Badry has acknowledged that supporters are growing impatient for another Champions League title and a shot at the FIFA Club World Cup title.

"It is not a secret that our supporters are demanding that we win the Champions League this year," he told the Egyptian media before leaving for Morocco.

"We want to add a ninth star to our shirts and to play again in the FIFA Club World Cup, where we have not performed to our full potential in past appearances."

"Our ambition is to win every competition we play in. Only trophies are a stake for us-nothing less," added the 2012 Champions League-winning coach.

Ahly and Zanaco of Zambia top Group D with seven points after three rounds, 2016 semi-finalists Wydad have three and Coton Sport of Cameroon none.

CAF victories for clubs visiting Morocco are rare, but Ahly edged Wydad 1-0 in

Casablanca at the same stage last year thanks to a Ramy Rabia goal.

Ahly comfortably overcame Wydad 2-0 in Cairo this month thanks to goals from Moamen Zakaria and Nigerian Oluwafemi "Junior" Ajayi.

Zanaco hope Ahly collect maximum points because victory over Coton in northern Cameroon city Garoua would then guarantee the Lusaca outfit a quarter-finals place too.

The Zambians won the first encounter against the 2008 Champions League runners-up 2-1 with Diddy Kitumbo nodding the winning goal five minutes from time.

Esperance of Tunisia are another team one win away from the knockout stage, and that could come at home Wednesday in Group C against title-holders Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa.

The two-time African champions are favoured having won 2-1 in Pretoria this month thanks to a brace from in-form Tunisian international Taha Yassine Khenissi.

If Sundowns fail and second-place Saint George of Ethiopia win at V Club of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the defending champions' chances of survival would greatly diminish.

Leaders Zamalek of Egypt, runners-up to Sundowns last year, visit 2015 beaten finalists USM Alger of Algeria for a Group B top-of-the-table showdown. Al Hilal of Sudan surprisingly held Group A pacesetters Etoile Sahel in Tunisia and hope sauna-like heat and an intimidating Omdurman cauldron can help them win. — AFP

OSCAR SPARKS MASS BRAWL IN CHINESE SUPER LEAGUE

SHANGHAI: Brazilian international Oscar triggered a mass brawl in the Chinese Super League as players and staff from his Shanghai SIPG side and opponents Guangzhou R&F scrapped on the pitch.

After the former Chelsea midfielder appeared twice to fire the ball deliberately at Guangzhou players, he was rushed by several opponents. Oscar fell to the ground and a melee broke out.

One player from each side was sent off as the opening of the CSL transfer window was marked in rambunctious style. The fight erupted just before half-time in Sunday's CSL clash at Guangzhou R&F, where Andre Villas-Boas' SIPG were attempting to keep up the pressure on league leaders Guangzhou Evergrande.

Oscar cost SIPG a whopping 60 million euros (\$67 million) in the last transfer window, the biggest such deal in Asian football history.

He sparked the confrontation when he lashed the ball twice at R&F players. The home side's Chen Zhizhao retaliated, pushing the 25-year-old Brazilian to the ground. Then players, coaching staff and substitutes poured off the benches and waded in as Oscar lay face-down on the pitch.

When order was restored after pushing and shoving, R&F's Li Tixiang and Shanghai's Fu Huan were dismissed and three others were booked.

Oscar was unhurt and the fiery encounter finished 1-1 to leave SIPG four points behind reigning champions Guangzhou Evergrande.

Villas-Boas defended Oscar, saying he was "just being passionate", and Oscar denied he purposely twice aimed the ball at R&F players.

"Disrespect the opponent? It is not true. I am a very dedicated player and respect sportsmanship," Sina Sports website quoted him as saying.

Another Brazilian international, the forward

Hulk, equalised for Shanghai after being set up by Oscar just before the fisticuffs.

R&F players were incensed that the goal was allowed to stand since Oscar appeared to have been offside before his assist.

Villas-Boas told Shanghai's official social media: "Our goal should be offside and it was

unlucky for Guangzhou." R&F apologised after the home side racked up five yellow cards in addition to the one red. "We are sorry about the infringements during the game and hope the players can adjust their attitude and prepare for the following game," the club said in a statement. — AFP



GUANGZHOU: This photo taken on June 18, 2017 shows a brawl erupting between Shanghai SIPG players (in red) and Guangzhou R&F players (in blue) as Shanghai's Oscar lies on the ground, during their Chinese Super League match in Guangzhou, in China's southern Guangdong province. Brazilian international Oscar triggered a mass brawl in the Chinese Super League as players and staff from his Shanghai SIPG side and opponents Guangzhou R&F scrapped on the pitch. — AFP

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HARTFORD: Brooks Koepka of the United States poses with the winner's trophy after his victory at the 2017 US Open at Erin Hills on Sunday in Hartford, Wisconsin. — AFP

KOEPKA CAPS A RECORD WEEK WITH US OPEN TITLE

ERIN: Brooks Koepka received a short piece of advice from a valuable source on the eve of the final round at the US Open. Defending champion Dustin Johnson was doing most of the talking.

"It was a long phone call for us - it was like two minutes," Koepka said. "But he just said a few things, and just stay patient. And I'll win if I stay patient and just keep doing what I'm doing." What he did looked awfully familiar Sunday at Erin Hills, minus any mess involving the rules. With athleticism and power, and four straight putts over the back nine that allowed him to pull away, Koepka capped off his hardscrabble journey around the world and found stardom at home as the US Open champion.

He closed with a 5-under 67, only realizing after his par on the final hole that a birdie would have set yet another US Open record in a week filled with them. Koepka finished at 16-under 272, matching the lowest score to par first set by Rory McIlroy six years ago at Congressional.

Tied for the lead with six holes to play, Koepka holed an 8-foot par putt on the 13th hole that gave him confidence with his stroke and momentum to pour in birdies on the next three holes to turn the final hour into a celebration of another young star in golf.

The 27-year-old Koepka wound up winning by four shots over Brian Harman, who was done in by back-to-back bogeys right when Koepka was making his run, and Hideki Matsuyama, who closed with a 66.

"That's probably the most emotion I've ever shown coming down the stretch," Koepka said.

"It feels amazing to get my name on this trophy with so many other great names. It's truly an honor."

Emotion? The most he displayed was a light fist pump, his hand clenched a little tighter with each birdie, and a double fist pump on the 18th when he tapped in for par.

It's not much different from Johnson. They are close friends on the golf course and in the gym, and they play a similar game of power off the tee, a clean strike with the iron and a knack for looking calm even as the pressure is ramping up. And now their names are on the US Open trophy, one after the other.

It capped quite a journey for the Floridian. Without a card on any tour when Koepka got out of Florida State, he filled his passport on the Challenge Tour with stamps from Kazakhstan to Kenya, Scotland and Spain, India and the Madeira Island.

One night in Scotland, he called his agent and wanted to come home, even though he was leading the tourna-

ment. He had been on the road for so long, in so many different countries, and was feeling lonely. He won the next day to graduate to the European Tour. The next year, he earned a spot in the U.S. Open through a qualifier in England, and his tie for fourth at Pinehurst No. 2 helped him earn a card on the PGA Tour.

Koepka took it from there - a victory in Turkey against a strong field, his first PGA Tour victory in the Phoenix Open, his first Ryder Cup and now a major championship. "To go over there, I think it helped me grow up a little bit and really figure out that, hey, play golf, get it done, and then you can really take this somewhere," he said.

Koepka became the seventh straight first-time winner of a major championship, and it was the first time since 1998-2000 that Americans won their national championship three straight years. Tommy Fleetwood, who played alongside Koepka and closed with a 72 to finish fourth, played the Challenge Tour a year before Koepka arrived. "It gives you a good grounding," Fleetwood said. "Obviously, Brooks dealt with it amazingly. He came and kicked everyone's (behind) over there, didn't he? But he's proven for a long time how good he is. Now he's done it in a major."

It was only fitting that Koepka left Erin Hills with yet another record matched or broken. McIlroy finished at 16-under 268 when he won on rain-softened Congressional in the 2011 US Open. But the low scoring went much deeper than that. Only six players had ever reached double digits under par in the previous 116 times at the US Open. McIlroy and Tiger Woods (12 under at Pebble Beach in 2000) had been the only players to finish there.

This week alone, nine players reached at least 10 under and seven finished there. Xander Schauffele, a rookie on the PGA Tour playing in his first US Open, birdied his last hole for a 69 to tie for fifth at 10-under 268 along with Bill Haas (69) and Rickie Fowler (72), who was poised at yet another major to win only to fall back. Fowler started one shot out of the lead at the Masters this year and shot 76. He was only two behind when he made the turn, but bogeys on the 12th and 15th holes - and no birdies until No. 18 - ended his hopes.

Justin Thomas, coming off a 9-under 63 that matched the major championship scoring record and was the first 9-under round at a U.S. Open, went out in 39 and closed with a 75 to tie for ninth. The week ended with 31 players under par, breaking the US Open record of 28 players at Medinah in 1990. There were 133 sub-par rounds, nine more than the previous record in that 1990 US Open. — AP

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BOEING ANNOUNCES LATEST PLANE AT PARIS AIR SHOW



LE BOURGET: The Airbus A400M carrying French President Emmanuel Macron lands at Le Bourget airport yesterday for the opening of the International Paris Air Show. — AFP

BRITAIN, EU TO START HISTORIC BREXIT TALKS

THREATS BY BRITAIN TO WALK AWAY WORRY EUROPEAN CAPITALS

BRUSSELS: Britain started formal talks to leave the EU yesterday, seeking a deal "like no other in history" despite entering fiendishly difficult negotiations with a badly weakened government. A year after Britain's seismic referendum, Brexit minister David Davis and the European Union's French chief negotiator Michel Barnier will meet at the European Commission in Brussels at around 0900 GMT. At stake in hugely complex talks facing a March 2019 deadline is not just Britain's future but a western political order that would be badly shaken by a failure to reach a deal.

The situation is very different from 12 months ago when the Brexiters were riding high, with Prime Minister Theresa May's entire approach called into question after a disastrous election performance on June 8. "While there is a long road ahead, our destination is clear—a deep and special partnership between the UK and the EU. A deal like no other in history," Davis said in a statement as he headed

into the talks. "I look forward to beginning work on that new future."

British foreign minister Boris Johnson, like Davis a prominent backer of the leave campaign, also sounded an upbeat note. "I think the whole process will lead to a happy resolution which can be done with honor and profit to both sides," Johnson said as he went into an EU foreign ministers meeting in Luxembourg. There will be haggling over the terms, over money, but "the most important thing is to raise our eyes to the future ... and think about the deep and special partnership that we want to build with our friends," he said.

Early capitulation

Britain appears to have given in on the EU's insistence that talks first focus on three key divorce issues, before moving onto the future EU-UK relationship and a possible trade deal. Those issues are Britain's exit bill, estimated by

Brussels at around 100 billion euros, the rights of three million EU nationals living in Britain and one million Britons on the continent, and the status of the border between Northern Ireland and Ireland.

"Sitting down for a first formal negotiation round is something in and of itself," an EU source said. Talks will begin at 0900 GMT with a joint press conference by former French foreign minister and European commissioner Barnier and Davis at around 1630 GMT. After the initial shock of last year's Brexit vote and faced with rising anti-EU sentiment, the bloc at 27 appears to have steadied in recent months and got a real boost with the election of new French President Emmanuel Macron in May.

Macron, a committed pro-EU leader and ally of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, easily won French legislative elections on Sunday, cementing his power base. Worried by immigration and loss of sovereignty, Britain voted last year to end its four-decades-old membership of the 28-country bloc—the first state ever to do so. An increasingly concerned EU has been pushing London to hurry up, with time running out for a deal and three months already gone since May triggered the two-year Article 50 EU exit process. Threats by Britain to walk away without a deal have worried European capitals.

Yesterday's talks focused on the practical details of timings for the coming months, with the big, divisive issues left aside for now, officials said. May herself will also have a chance to update the other 27 EU leaders on her Brexit plans at a summit in Brussels on Thursday. "The best way we can spend this week is to rebuild trust," rather than tackle the big difficult issues right at the start, another European source said.

Cliff edge warning

Many in Brussels fear that London has no real strategy, with May under pressure at home, still trying to close a deal with a conservative Northern Ireland party to stay in power, and facing criticism for her handling of the aftermath of a devastating tower block fire. May's government had developed a strategy of so-called "hard Brexit": leaving the European single market and the customs union in order to control immigration from the EU.

But she lost her parliamentary majority in the June 8 polls, putting that policy and her own political future in doubt. Finance minister Philip Hammond confirmed Sunday that it was still the plan to quit not only the EU but the customs union and single market as well. But he warned that "we need to get there via a slope, not via a cliff edge". — AFP



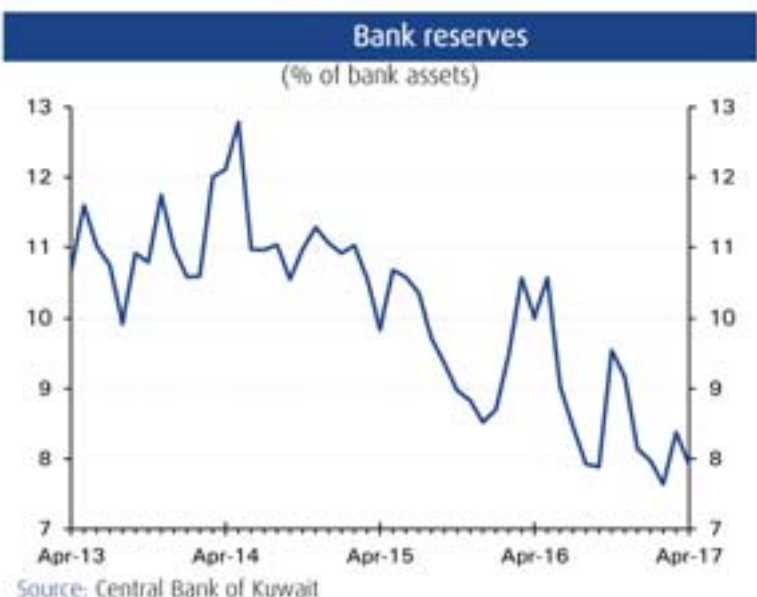
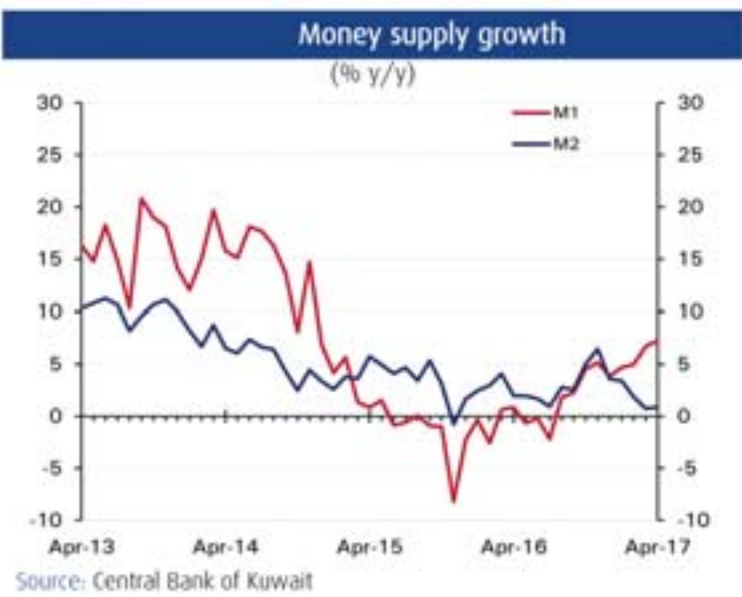
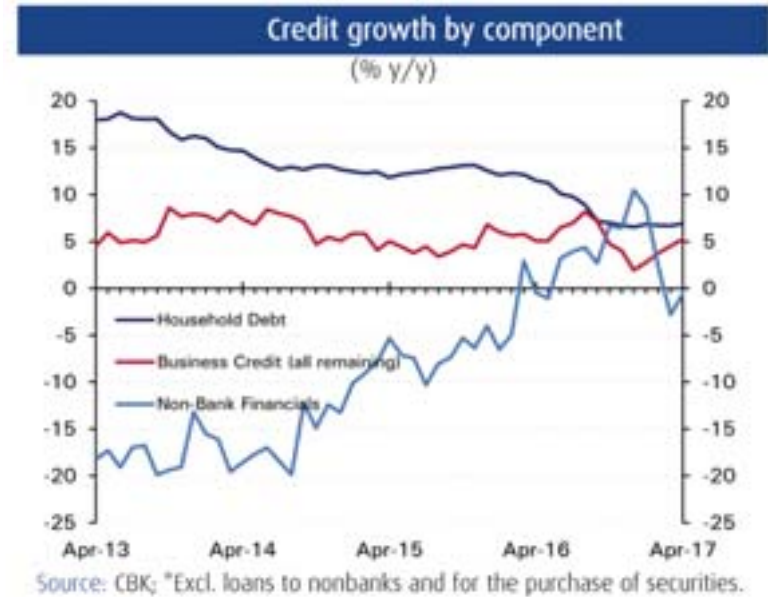
LE BOURGET: Chief Executive Officer of Qatar Airways Akbar Al Baker speaks in front of a Qatar Airways Boeing 777, as part of the presentation for the new Qsuite business class seating yesterday at Le Bourget airport, near Paris, on the opening day of the International Paris Air Show. — AFP

QATAR AIRWAYS CEO WARNS OF LASTING WOUND

PARIS: The CEO of Qatar Airways says the blockade imposed on his country by Gulf neighbors "will leave a lasting wound." Speaking yesterday at the Paris Air Show, Akbar Al Baker said: "People will not forget." Al Baker said he expects US President Donald Trump will intervene "to make sure that this blockade is lifted soonest...especially since he knows that we are part of his alliance against terrorism." He called the blockade illegal and said customers are returning to Qatar Airways and again using Qatar as an aviation hub after an initial hit to business. Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain cut ties with Qatar this month and blocked air, sea and land traffic with Qatar over its support for Islamist groups and ties with Iran. — AP



BRUSSELS: British Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union (Brexit Minister) David Davis and his delegation attend a meeting with European Commission member in charge of Brexit negotiations with Britain, Michel Barnier and his delegation at the start of Brexit negotiations at the European Commission in Brussels yesterday. — AFP



CREDIT GROWTH ACCELERATES TO 4% IN APRIL DESPITE A FLAT MONTH

NBK MONEY MARKET REPORT

KUWAIT: Growth rose to 4.0 percent year-on-year, with the month seeing net lending down a small KD 14 million. The poor monthly showing was mostly due to the regular start-of-quarter drop in loans for the purchase of securities. Growth in the “productive” business sectors remained strong. Private deposits saw a noticeable drop in April on the heels of a strong March. Bank liquidity was lower as the government continued to tap domestic debt markets; interest rates moved higher.

Household lending strong in April

The sector saw a gain of KD 74 million, with growth improving to 6.9 percent. The monthly gain was slightly better than the KD 61 million averaged during the last 12 months. Growth came from installment loans, which grew by 8.2 percent.

Business credit declines

The weakness came largely from a drop of KD 216 million in loans for the purchase of securities; the decline fits a pattern seen at the start of every quarter: a decline that usually reverses a similar increase the month before. Otherwise, business credit was not particularly strong; the industrial and real estate sectors were the only ones to see much of a gain. Meanwhile, oil & gas saw a small decline. Business credit excluding real estate and securities lending accelerated to a robust 10.9 percent after averaging 10 percent growth in 2016. The oil and gas and construction sectors have been the two largest sources of this growth so far this year.

Private deposits fall

Private deposits fell by KD 337 million. Declines were seen in sight, foreign currency and time deposits, while savings deposits rose. Government deposits also fell by KD 145 million in April, with growth slowing to 4.9 percent, its slowest pace in 19 months. Despite the draw downs, money supply (M2) growth remained steady in April at 0.9 percent; M1 growth, however, was affected by the outflow, contracting by 1.3 percent.

Banking system liquidity drop

Bank reserves (cash, deposits with the CBK and CBK bonds) lost KD 350 million to reach KD 4.8 billion or 7.9 percent of total bank assets. This coincided with the government

Table 1: Monetary indicators						
	Apr-17	1-month change		3-month change		12-month change
	KD mn	KD mn	%	KD mn	%	KD mn
Total system liquidity (M2)	36,402	-303	-0.8	901	2.5	315
Currency in circulation	1,880	34	2.1	113	7.2	183
Private sector deposits	34,722	-337	-1.0	788	2.3	132
KD deposits	32,027	-183	-0.6	1,046	3.4	1,038
Sight deposits	8,494	-169	-1.9	339	4.2	506
Savings deposits	4,837	47	1.0	160	3.4	150
Time deposits & CDs	18,695	-60	-0.3	548	3.0	382
Foreign currency deposits	2,695	-154	-5.4	-258	-8.7	-906

Source: Central Bank of Kuwait

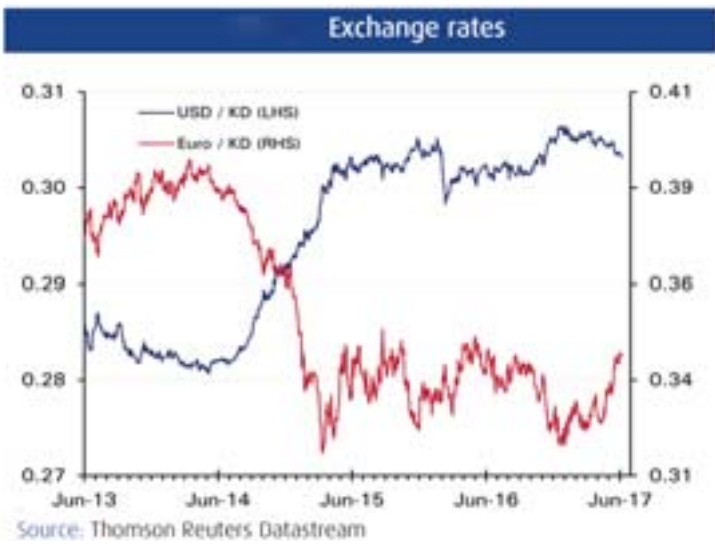
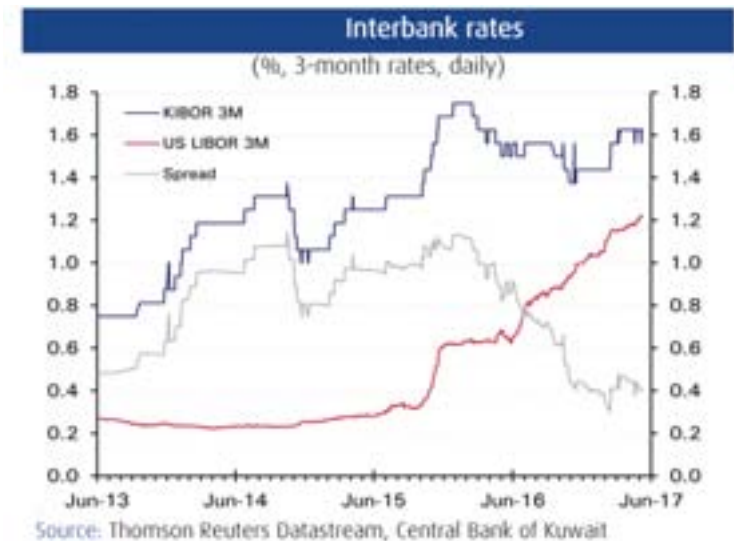
Table 2: Consolidated bank balance sheets						
	Apr-17	1-month change		3-month change		12-month change
	KD mn	KD mn	%	KD mn	%	KD mn
Total bank assets	61,072	-885	-1.4	798	1.3	1,801
Core liquid assets	4,840	-350	-6.7	34	0.7	-1,089
Cash and CBK deposits	1,015	-218	-17.7	-166	-14.1	-381
CBK bonds	2,876	56	2.0	-96	-3.2	-826
Time deposits with CBK	950	-187	-16.4	296	45.3	118
Public debt instruments	4,146	299	7.8	607	17.2	2,355
Interbank deposits	1,092	-299	-21.5	-221	-16.8	-328
Credit facilities	34,874	-14	0.0	639	1.9	1,341
Foreign assets	12,155	-593	-4.6	-453	-3.6	-808
Other assets	3,966	72	1.8	190	5.0	331
Total bank liabilities	52,823	-861	-1.6	667	1.3	1,438
Total deposits	41,463	-481	-1.1	891	1.7	446
Private sector deposits	34,722	-337	-1.0	788	2.3	132
Government deposits	6,741	-145	-2.1	-97	-1.4	314
Interbank deposits	1,051	-319	-23.3	-203	-16.2	-284
Foreign liabilities	4,432	-310	-6.5	62	1.4	395
Other liabilities	5,876	249	4.4	116	2.0	882
Shareholder equity	8,250	-24	-0.3	131	1.6	362

Source: Central Bank of Kuwait

increasing domestic bond issuance during April in an effort to finance part of the deficit. Outstanding domestic public debt instruments (PDIs) rose by KD 300 million during April to KD 4.117 billion, to an estimated 12 percent of GDP.

Interest rates hike

The 3-month and 6-month interbank rates were up 12 basis points and 7 basis points, respectively. Interbank rates have been mostly steady since. Customer deposit rates were also up, with rates on all maturities higher by 10-16 basis points.



FBI MISSED RIGGED JACKPOT IN 2006 BEFORE LOTTERY SCHEME GREW

IOWA CITY, Iowa: Investigators were suspicious in 2006 when they heard that a rural Texas judge was trying to exchange \$450,000 in consecutively marked bills. But Tommy Tipton, a Fayette County magistrate, told the FBI that his actions were innocent, if odd: He won the Colorado lottery but couldn't tell his wife because gambling was against their Christian faith. The FBI accepted the story and dropped its inquiry of Tipton, who soon bought a new truck and more property around the town of Flatonia, 110 miles (180 kilometers) west of Houston.



Eddie Tipton

A decade later, the inquiry stands out as a missed chance to stop a jackpot rigging scandal that would corrupt the \$70 billion lottery industry for years while enriching a tiny group of insiders. The FBI didn't uncover one fact that its informant knew but didn't see as significant: that Tipton's brother, Eddie Tipton, was a lottery industry employee. In fact, he'd built the machine that picked the winning combination for the Colorado Lotto game.

"I didn't add two and two together," said the informant, Tom Bargas, owner of B Fireworks in Schulenburg, Texas. "I don't think I mentioned it to the FBI. Had I, they probably would have been smart enough to know then. It was a missed opportunity. It should have been stopped immediately," Bargas recalled a conversation months earlier in his warehouse in which someone joked to Eddie Tipton that he could use his job at the Multi-State Lottery Association in Urbandale, Iowa, to "rig up the lottery."

"He just laughed about it," Bargas said. "We didn't realize that he was actually thinking about doing it or had done it already." Eddie Tipton, 54, admitted in a plea agreement with multiple states this month that he long profited off his position at the association, which helps run dozens of lotteries. Investigators say he designed and installed code that allowed him to predict winning numbers drawn every May 27, Nov 23, and Dec 29 of non-leap years. He conspired with his younger brother, friend Robert Rhodes and others to buy and claim winning tickets in five states between 2005 and 2011.

The brothers have agreed to tell investigators the full extent of their involvement in jackpot-fixing under the deal, which requires they pay back \$3 million. Prosecutors will seek 25 years in an Iowa prison for Eddie and 75 days in a Texas jail for Tommy, who worked as a sheriff's deputy before being elected Justice of the Peace in 2002, presiding over traffic enforcement, misdemeanors and some civil disputes.

Easy pick

Tommy Tipton's lawyers argued that the FBI's old inquiry should bar his current prosecution because the statute of limitations had expired. But Iowa prosecutor Rob Sand responded that the FBI

had no reason to think the lottery might have been rigged. "Doing so would have seemed harebrained at the time," Sand wrote, adding that agents "had no knowledge of Eddie Tipton's existence."

The FBI's Houston office, which oversaw the inquiry, declined to comment. The scandal has roiled state lotteries, which have vowed to tighten their security and face lawsuits from players claiming they were cheated.

The \$4.5 million Colorado jackpot in late 2005 is the first prize suspected of being fixed. Three came forward with winning tickets: Alexander Hicks, a friend of Tommy

Tipton's whom he recruited to claim the prize in exchange for 10 percent; Texas lawyer Thad Whisenant, representing a newly formed Nevada limited liability corporation called Cuestion de Suerte; and a Colorado resident. Hicks and Whisenant both had "manual play" tickets in which buyers select their own numbers - a statistical longshot.

The third winner had the far more common "easy pick" ticket generated by a machine. The lottery paid each. Hicks took the \$568,900 cash option, returning 90 percent to Tommy Tipton. Bargas recalled Tommy showing him large piles of freshly printed bills on Dec 31, 2005, and asking him to swap the money for cash his business brought in from New Year's fireworks sales. Bargas declined and reported the suspicious encounter to police, noting that Tommy Tipton wouldn't tell him where the money came from but insisted it was "legit."

Suspecting money laundering, the FBI asked Bargas to go undercover. He recorded a conversation in which Tommy Tipton claimed he won the lottery while in Colorado hunting for Bigfoot, a long-time hobby. Tipton told Bargas he wanted to hide the money from his wife because they were headed toward divorce. Bargas believed him. The FBI closed the matter after interviewing Tommy Tipton, Hicks and the lottery.

Investigators now suspect Whisenant is linked to the scheme. They note he and Tommy Tipton both have financial ties to Fayette County attorney Luis Vallejo, who tried to deposit \$250,000 cash into anonymous corporate bank accounts in 2006. Whisenant and Vallejo haven't been charged. They didn't reply to phone messages seeking comment.

After Eddie Tipton was convicted of fraud in 2015 for buying the winning ticket for a \$16.5 million Iowa jackpot, a tipster called investigators suggesting they revisit the jackpot his brother won a decade prior. Other rigged jackpots emerged. Tommy Tipton, who testified that his brother was innocent at the 2015 trial, resigned his judgeship and was charged. Bargas called Tommy Tipton's plea deal - in which he'll be allowed to maintain employment as a firearms instructor - too lenient. "He's a crook, period," he said. "Guys like him need to be punished." —AP

EXCHANGE RATES

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ASIAN COUNTRIES

Japanese Yen	2.744
Indian Rupees	4.723
Pakistani Rupees	2.898
Sri Lankan Rupees	1.985
Nepali Rupees	2.945
Singapore Dollar	221.570
Hongkong Dollar	38.988
Bangladesh Taka	3.763
Philippine Peso	6.100
Thai Baht	8.968

GCC COUNTRIES

Saudi Riyal	81.147
Qatari Riyal	83.578
Omani Riyal	790.281
Bahraini Dinar	808.020
UAE Dirham	82.850

ARAB COUNTRIES

Egyptian Pound - Cash	20.050
Egyptian Pound - Transfer	16.737
Yemen Riyal/for 1000	1.221
Tunisian Dinar	124.890
Jordanian Dinar	428.970
Lebanese Lira/for 1000	2.027
Syrian Lira	2.168
Morocco Dirham	31.513

EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES

US Dollar Transfer	304.100
Euro	343.630
Sterling Pound	391.960
Canadian dollar	231.960
Turkish lira	87.260

Swiss Franc	315.620
Australian Dollar	234.770
US Dollar Buying	302.900

GOLD

20 Gram	257.580
10 Gram	131.710
5 Gram	66.700

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US Dollar	303.900
Canadian Dolla	226.475
Sterling Pound	388.545
Euro	342.155
Swiss Frank	295.810
Bahrain Dinar	806.040
UAE Dirhams	83.135
Qatari Riyals	84.355
Saudi Riyals	81.935
Jordanian Dinar	428.545
Egyptian Pound	16.923
Sri Lankan Rupees	1.988
Indian Rupees	4.725
Pakistani Rupees	2.898
Bangladesh Taka	3.772
Philippines Peso	6.140
Cyprus pound	167.715
Japanese Yen	3.755
Syrian Pound	2.420
Nepalese Rupees	3.962
Malaysian Ringgit	72.080

Selling Rate

Chinese Yuan Renminbi	45.135
Thai Bhat	9.910
Turkish Lira	86.480

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CURRENCY

	BUY	SELL
British Pound	0.381970	0.391970
Czech Korune	0.004997	0.016997
Danish Krone	0.041739	0.046739
Euro	0.335153	0.344153
Norwegian Krone	0.031958	0.037158
Romanian Leu	0.074243	0.074243
Slovakia	0.009095	0.019095
Swedish Krona	0.030923	0.035923
Swiss Franc	0.305977	0.316977
Turkish Lira	0.082073	0.092373

Australian Dollar	0.223131	0.235131
New Zealand Dollar	0.214565	0.224065

	America	
Canadian Dollar	0.224522	0.233522
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US Dollars	0.300200	0.304600
US Dollars Mint	0.300700	0.304600

	Asia	
Bangladesh Taka	0.003386	0.003970
Chinese Yuan	0.043246	0.046746
Hong Kong Dollar	0.036931	0.039681

Indian Rupee	0.004253	0.004941
Indonesian Rupiah	0.000018	0.000024
Japanese Yen	0.002654	0.002834
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Korean Won	0.000258	0.000273
Malaysian Ringgit	0.067351	0.073351
Nepalese Rupee	0.002976	0.003146
Pakistan Rupee	0.002692	0.002982
Philippine Peso	0.006024	0.006324
Sierra Leone	0.000037	0.000043
Singapore Dollar	0.214515	0.224515
South African Rand	0.017752	0.026252
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001608	0.002188
Taiwan	0.009902	0.010082
Thai Baht	0.008640	0.009190

	Arab	
Bahraini Dinar	0.799738	0.808238
Egyptian Pound	0.014453	0.020361
Iranian Riyal	0.000084	0.000086
Iraqi Dinar	0.000190	0.000250
Jordanian Dinar	0.423835	0.432835
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
Lebanese Pound	0.000151	0.000251
Moroccan Dirhams	0.019791	0.043791
Nigerian Naira	0.000334	0.000969
Omani Riyal	0.783969	0.789649
Qatar Riyal	0.079294	0.084234
Saudi Riyal	0.080060	0.081360
Syrian Pound	0.001290	0.001510
Tunisian Dinar	0.120455	0.128455
Turkish Lira	0.082073	0.092373
UAE Dirhams	0.081425	0.083125
Yemeni Riyal	0.000989	0.001069



BEIJING: In this photo, a model poses near a sports sedan from Thunder Power during a brand event held in Beijing.



BEIJING: In this photo Hong Kong entrepreneur Wellen Sham speaks near a photo of an electric sports sedan during a Thunder Power brand event held in Beijing. —AP Photos

CHINA PROPELS RISE OF ELECTRIC ULTRA-HIGH-PERFORMANCE CARS

NIO TAKES ORDERS FOR BESPOKE VEHICLES

BEIJING: Want an insanely fast ride with zero emissions? Startup NIO has the car: An electric two-seater with muscular European lines and a top speed of 195 miles per hour. The catch: The EP9 costs nearly \$1.5 million. NIO, a Chinese-Western hybrid with bases in Shanghai, London and Silicon Valley, created it to showcase the company's technology and had no sales plans. But it is taking orders for "bespoke vehicles" after hearing from buyers ready to pay the eye-popping price.

"We are actually pleasantly surprised how much interest we are getting," said the CEO of NIO's US unit, Padmasree Warrior, a veteran of Cisco and Motorola. NIO is part of a wave of fledgling automakers - all backed at least in part by Chinese investors - that are propelling the electric vehicle industry's latest trend: ultra-high-performance cars. Manufacturers including Detroit Electric, Qiantu Motor, Thunder Power and NEVS aim to compete with Europe, Detroit and Japan by offering top speeds over 150 and features including carbon fiber bodies and web-linked navigation and entertainment.

The ventures mix US and European technology with Chinese money and manufacturing, reflecting this country's rise as a market and investor for an industry where Beijing wants a leading role. Communist leaders see electric vehicles as a way to clear China's smog-choked cities and as an engine for economic development. "We really haven't seen non-Chinese companies get into this super-technology market," said Chris Robinson, who follows the industry for Lux Research.

NIO's backers include Chinese tech giant Tencent Holdings, operator of the popular WeChat messaging service; computer maker Lenovo Group, a Singapore government-owned investment fund and US-based IDG Capital, TPG and Hillhouse Capital. Some brands are following the strategy of Tesla Inc., which debuted with an eye-catching roadster to establish a premium image before launch-

ing lower-priced models. The instant torque and acceleration of electric cars make them natural performance vehicles.

Aim

Detroit Electric, a revival of a pioneering US electric car brand founded in 1907, launched a sports car venture this year with a Chinese battery maker and the government of Yixing, west of Shanghai. For a base price of \$135,000, the company promises zero to 60 mph in 3.7 seconds and a top speed of 155 mph. The first seven of 100 cars ordered by European dealers have been delivered, according to its chairman and CEO, Albert Lam, a former Lotus chief executive. He said the company aims to release an SUV in 2018 and wants to have a four-vehicle lineup by 2020.

"Our target is to be the first Chinese-based vehicle company to sell worldwide," said Lam. Thunder Power, led by Hong Kong entrepreneur Wellen Sham, has a similarly multinational plan for a sport sedan due out in late 2018. The company is building a factory in southern China and plans a second in Spain. Engineering work is being handled by Italy's Dallara Automobili, which helped develop Bugatti's Veyron, the fastest street-legal car with a top speed of 255 mph. Thunder Power promises a top speed of 155 mph.

The company says its competitive edge will be a battery that can go up to 400 miles on one charge, or almost double the 200 to 250 miles of current high-end electrics. Beijing's backing has helped to make China the biggest electric vehicle market at a time of uncertainty about the scale of support for the industry from Washington and European governments. Sales in China of plug-in and hybrid vehicles in the first quarter of this year totaled 55,929, versus 44,876 for the United States.

The Cabinet hopes to have 100,000 public charging stations and 800,000 private stations operating by the end of this year. Regulators



BEIJING: In this photo visitors look at the \$1.5million NIO EP9 displayed at the Shanghai auto show.

are pressing manufacturers to speed up development with a proposal to require that electrics account for at least 8 percent of each brand's production by next year. To raise its profile, the electric vehicle industry launched its own racing circuit, dubbed Formula E, in 2014 with battery-powered Formula One-style cars and events in China, Europe, the United States and Mexico.

Still, no matter how appealing they are, there aren't enough buyers to support so many high-performance brands, said Lux's Robinson. He noted Ferrari or Lamborghini might sell only 15 of their fastest vehicles, which are treated as marketing tools and even at prices above \$1 million fail to make a profit. Manufacturers wanting to move into

lower priced segments face a crowded market, he said. "Really, not all of them are going to make it," said Robinson. Despite that, the newcomers express confidence they can take market share from established rivals.

Serious performance car

NIO's Warrior points to the transition from cellphones to smartphones, in which industry leaders were displaced by upstarts. "We are in the beginning of a race. We are all at the same starting position," said Christopher Nicoll, marketing director for Thunder Power. Detroit Electric's Lam said his financial plan calls for each car to be sold at a profit by 2019. "We are not from the internet world," he said. "We know how important it is for a car company to

make money." Other Chinese tech companies including internet search engine operator Baidu Inc. and LeEco, an online video service, are working on electric and self-driving vehicles. Most have research centers in Silicon Valley or Europe. "China isn't necessarily a technological leader. They are a production leader," said Robinson. "A lot of the more advanced electric vehicle, power train and other technology research is going on in Europe and the United States."

Chinese city governments are forging partnerships with automakers in hopes of becoming manufacturing centers. That helped Detroit Electric carry out its plans after other investors were uncertain, Lam said. He said the company picked Yixing after talking with four cities. "We were invited to come to China," said Lam. The most prominent homegrown competitor is Qiantu Motor, led by a former executive of a state-owned automaker.

Qiantu says its K50, on sale next year, will deliver a top speed of 125 mph and go 185 miles on one charge. NEVS is developing a sedan to be made in China based on technology acquired from defunct Swedish automaker Saab. Its owners include National Modern Energy Holdings Ltd., a Chinese developer of renewable energy technology, the government of the eastern city of Tianjin and State Research Information Technology Co., owned by the Chinese Cabinet.

NIO developed the EP9 to promote its technology for self-driving vehicles. The first, a seven seat SUV, is due to be released in China in 2018. The company worried buyers saw electrics as a "little toy car." It wants to "break that mold and say that an electric car can be a serious performance car," said Warrior. NIO says a self-driving version of the EP9 hit 160 mph in February on an Austin, Texas, test track. "We made seven, thinking it was essentially for a collector," said Warrior. "Now there is increased interest. People actually want to buy this car." —AP



BEIJING: China's President Xi Jinping, right, shakes hands with India's Minister of External Affairs Vijay Kumar Singh as he meets with foreign affairs officials from the BRICS countries at the Great Hall of the People's Fujian Room in Beijing yesterday. —AFP

BRICS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS CLIMATE CHANGE, TRADE, TERRORISM

BEIJING: Climate change, trade and terrorism were high on the agenda yesterday at a Beijing meeting of foreign affairs officials from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, known collectively as the BRICS nations. The five countries are seeking to further align their views on key issues at a time when President Donald Trump is withdrawing the US from multilateral arrangements such as the Paris climate accords and the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said China in the coming year would look to "expand with more broad and wide-ranging cooperation in areas such as trade and commerce and investment." Together the BRICS countries account for roughly 40 percent of the world's population and 20 percent of the global economy. All five countries are members of the Group of 20 industrial and emerging-market nations, although their economic prospects have declined somewhat amid crises in

Brazil and South Africa and the impact of sanctions lodged against Russia by the West. South African Foreign Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane pointed to climate change as a major concern. "There is one climate and for future generations we must employ every effort at our disposal to reverse the effects of climate

change," she said.

Nkoana-Mashabane also emphasized the need for joint efforts to fight terrorism, a sentiment reflected by Vijay Kumar Singh, an Indian External Affairs official.

Lot of consensus

"It is important to enhance BRICS security in counterterrorism matters," Singh said. Leaders of the five nations are to meet in the southeastern Chinese city of Xiamen in September. Chinese President Xi Jinping later met with the officials at the Great Hall of the People in central Beijing, saying the six hours of discussion among the nations had produced "a lot of consensus," as well as a concluding document that was not immediately released.

"At present the international situation has complexities and also factors of instability and its right for the BRICS to speak its voice, which is very good," Xi said. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov commended China's leadership of BRICS over the past year, saying the grouping that began taking shape more than 10 years ago is now coming into its prime. "Your chairmanship certainly contributed to the strength ... and to increasing its reputation as a factor of stability," Lavrov told Xi. —AP

GERMAN SPD LEADER MARTIN SCHULZ PROMISES HIGHER TAXES FOR THE RICH

BERLIN: Germany's Social Democrats (SPD), seeking to turn round their flagging election campaign, promised to raise the top income tax rate for the rich and abolish a flat-rate withholding tax on capital gains in a bid to win back working-class voters. "We'll reduce the tax burden for small and medium-sized incomes and we'll support families," party leader Martin Schulz told reporters yesterday. This step would help stimulate domestic demand and reduce Germany's trade surplus by sucking in more imports from other European countries, he added.

"Our proposal is good not just for Germany but also for Europe," Schulz added. Schulz hopes to unseat Chancellor Angela Merkel, who is seeking a fourth term, in Sept 24 national elections. But the centre-left SPD, currently junior partner in Merkel's ruling coalition, has lost momentum since making initial gains after nominating Schulz as the party's new leader in January.

By unveiling its tax plans, the SPD wants to put the issue of social justice at the centre of the election campaign, though the topic has not weighed very heavily so far among voters. Polls see a double-digit lead for Merkel's conservatives ahead of the SPD. Schulz said the SPD would increase the top tax rate for employment income to 45 percent from 42 percent. To avoid higher taxes for middle-class families, the SPD also wants to lift the threshold from which the top rate applies. —Reuters

JAPAN LOGS SURPRISE TRADE DEFICIT IN MAY AS ENERGY COSTS EXPAND

TOKYO: Japan unexpectedly slumped back into a trade deficit for the first time in four months, as soaring energy import bills offset growth in the country's shipments abroad, government data showed yesterday. Japan logged a surprise deficit of 203 billion yen (\$1.8 billion), the first red ink in four months, according to data from the finance ministry, despite market expectations for a surplus. "Crude oil prices rebounded while the yen was weaker in the month," Yuichiro Nagai, economist at Barclays Capital, said.

The yen was 2.3 percent weaker against the dollar compared with levels recorded a year earlier, which helped push up imports costs. The deficit came as a surprise after recent data showed Japan's economy was picking up steam with exports growing on the back of a global economic recovery. Nagai said there was no need to be overly pessimistic over figures for a single month. May data showed "a correction in speed" but the Japanese economy is likely to continue to expand in the July-September quarter even if it stalls in April-June, he said.

Yuichi Kodama, chief economist at Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance, told Bloomberg News that "exports are growing steadily and external demand is a leading factor in the Japanese economy." The latest report "confirms that the shipments will continue to drive Japan's economy in

meeting Saturday and appointed an acting chairman following Ho's arrest. The bank said it will cooperate with the investigation and that its operations are continuing as normal. Two other people critical in the probe have not been questioned yet as they are out of the country, the court said Sunday.

Taiwan last year toughened its anti-money laundering laws following the Mega bank scandal. That case also led to the resignation of the island's top financial regulator, who was criticized over the handling of the fallout. Mega bank was found to have links with a Panamanian law firm at the centre of a huge data dump known as the Panama Papers scandal. The trove of leaked papers revealed murky offshore financial dealings that used shell companies to help politicians, celebrities and sports stars to skirt taxes. —AFP

Dependence on fossil fuels

Overall exports in May rose 14.9 percent from a year earlier to 5.85 trillion yen thanks to an increase in shipments of cars and steel, chalking up growth for the sixth consecutive month. The growth in exports is partly thanks to a rebound after powerful twin quakes in southwestern Japan last year disrupted production and supply chains. But imports expanded faster, rising 17.8 percent to 6.05 trillion yen, boosted by heavier costs for liquefied natural gas, coal and crude oil.

Japan's dependence on fossil fuels has risen since the nation shifted to thermal power generation with most of the nation's nuclear reactors remaining offline after the 2011 Fukushima earthquake/tsunami disaster. Japan's politically sensitive surplus with the United States rose 19.0 percent to 411 billion yen as exports increased 11.6 percent. US President Donald Trump has vowed to root out "unfair" trade practices around the world and target other countries including Japan. —AFP

ASIAN MARKETS EXTEND GAINS AT START OF THE WEEK

HONG KONG: Asian markets yesterday built on last week's gains following another record close on Wall Street, while the euro edged up on news that French President Emmanuel Macron's party had secured a healthy majority in National Assembly elections. The Dow in New York closed at a fresh all-time high Friday thanks to a bounce in energy stocks, providing a positive lead for Asia, and a weaker yen helped Tokyo rally.

The dollar climbed above 111 yen yesterday after Japan posted a surprise trade deficit for May. The Nikkei ended 0.6 percent higher, although troubled airbag maker Takata plunged 16.5 percent on reports it plans to file for bank-

ruptcy and sell its assets to a US firm. "With stocks on an uptrend for quite some time, and the global economy seen to keep expanding, the general risk-positive sentiment is continuing," Masafumi Yamamoto, chief currency strategist at Mizuho Securities in Tokyo, told Bloomberg News.

"In that regard, the yen is bound to come under selling pressure."Hong Kong added 1.2 percent and Shanghai finished up 0.7 percent, with Chinese traders waiting to see if index compiler MSCI decides to include the mainland index in its global benchmarks list. Seoul gained 0.4 percent and Sydney added 0.5 per-

cent, while Wellington, Taipei and Manila were also sharply higher. In early European trade London added 0.7 percent, while Paris and Frankfurt each rose 0.8 percent.

With few drivers for business this week, eyes will be on the start of talks between Britain and the European Union on its extraction from the economic bloc. The ruling Conservative party lost its parliamentary majority in elections this month, weakening the government's hand. "How these negotiations evolve will likely hold the near-term fate for the pound," said Stephen Innes, a senior trader at OANDA.

Oil struggles


The pound, which tumbled in response to the election result, continues to struggle around two-month lows against the dollar. The euro edged up to sit about \$1.12 after Macron's year-old Republique en Marche (Republic on the Move) and its allies won 351 seats in the 577-seat National Assembly, giving the president a strong mandate to enact business-friendly reforms. However the currency's gains were tempered by the fact that the party did not secure the forecast landslide.

On oil markets prices dipped on lingering glut concerns as US companies' rising

production offsets big output cuts agreed by OPEC and Russia. The Baker Hughes rig count showed another rise last week, Greg McKenna, chief market strategist at AxiTrader, said in a note. "That's 22 weeks in a row that oil rigs have been added, a record run," he said, although he pointed out that the rate of new additions was easing. "Even just a casual observance of the energy news would show that the conversation is turning a little from OPEC and its production cut deal efficacy to US production and its sustainability-or growth-at these levels," he added.—AFP

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Index	Change	Closing	Last Closing
Price index	▼ -22.96	6,830.13	6,853.09
Weighted Index	▲ 2.18	407.90	405.72
KSX 15	▲ 7.36	927.33	919.97

Volume	75,432,468
Value (KWD)	16,704,120
Number of Trades	2,697

Trades							
Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KD)	Trades	Last	Change
MARIN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	90	— 0.0
IPO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	349	— 0.0
NAFESCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,510	— 0.0
ENERGIYH	40.0	35.5	9,102	340	9	39.9	▼ -0.1
GPI	39.0	37.5	2,441,411	93,900	33	38.5	▲ 1.0
ASAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	87	— 0.0
Oil & Gas			2,450,513	94,346	42	1052.47	▲ 1.70
KFOUC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	290	— 0.0
BPOC	571	570	319,094	182,346	6	570	— 0.0
ALKOUT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	590	— 0.0
ALQURAIN	336	331	61,397	20,489	11	336	▲ 4.0
Basic Materials			381,091	202,735	17	1247.41	▲ 5.40

KCEM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	470	— 0.0
CABLE	415	415	17,782	7,380	2	415	— 0.0
SHP	216	209	10,020	2,094	2	209	▼ -7.0
PCEM	950	950	27,957	26,559	9	950	▼ -10.0
PAPER	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	270	— 0.0
MRC	92	85	950	85	5	85	▼ -5.0
ACICO	255	255	5,000	1,275	1	255	▼ -10.0
HCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	208	— 0.0
KBMAC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	136	— 0.0
NICBM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	190	— 0.0
EQUIPMENT	51	48.0	118,266	5,731	4	48.1	▼ -2.7
NCCI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	108	— 0.0
GYPSUM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	95	— 0.0
SALBOOKH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	58	— 0.0
AGLTY	846	784	3,177,673	2,632,366	358	831	▲ 51.0
EDU	356	350	1,841,955	578,612	129	350	— 0.0
CLEANING	45.5	45.5	1,000	46	1	45.5	▲ 2.2
KGL	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	60	— 0.0
KPCP	165	165	1,539	254	1	165	▲ 5.0
HUMANISOFT	4,100	4,000	92,084	378,472	24	4,090	▲ 50.0
NAFAIS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	150	— 0.0
GFC	70	64	46,003	2,952	16	65	▲ 1.0
MAYADEEN	27.9	27.1	115,474	3,174	6	27.7	▲ 0.6
CGC	610	573	50,820	30,716	9	610	▲ 6.0
MITCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	56	— 0.0
UPAC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	740	— 0.0
ALAFCO	317	315	147,500	46,588	10	316	▲ 1.0
MUBARRAD	72	72	5,000	358	1	72	▼ -5.9
LOGISTICS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	51	— 0.0
SCCM	75	76	5,000	381	1	76	▼ -6.6
GCMM	75	74	270,950	20,123	6	75	— 0.0
QIC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	78	— 0.0
FCM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	84	— 0.0
RKWC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	90	— 0.0
SPEC	89	84	5,004	420	2	89	▼ -0.9
Industrials			5,736,977	3,735,585	587	1631.86	▲ 4.50

PAPCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	100	— 0.0
CATTL	220	220	16,972	3,734	2	220	— 0.0
DANAH	77	71	300	22	3	77	— 0.0
FOOD	2,450	2,450	170	417	2	2,450	▼ -50.0
Consumer Goods			17,442	4,173	7	1096.59	▼ -6.49

MHC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	378	— 0
ATC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,500	— 0
YACO	196	185	250	47	2	185	▲ 5
Health Care			250	47	2	1472.54	▲ 5.10

KCIN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,390	— 0
KHOT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	250	— 0
SULTAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	67	— 0
CABLETV	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	22.5	— 0
EYAS	1,400	1,400	500	700	1	1,400	▼ -79
IFAH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	192	— 0
OULAFUEL	120	119	51,552	6,186	7	120	▲ 1
MUNTAZAHAT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	82	— 0
JAZEERA	474	470	162,300	76,313	38	470	▲ 1
SOOR	118	117	11,310	1,331	5	118	— 0
FUTUREXO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	106	— 0
ALRAI	119	119	9,900	1,178	2	119	▲ 3
ZMAH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	52	— 0
Mezzan	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	950	— 0
Consumer Services			235,562	85,708	56	1200.05	▼ -24.50

ZAIN	437	429	2,471,532	1,069,729	94	437	▲ 9
QOREDOO	1,150	1,101	10,262	11,770	6	1,150	— 0
HITSTELEC	41.7	41.0	680,800	27,988	18	41.0	— 0
VIVA	845	822	94,894	78,068	29	838	▲ 10
Telecommunications			3,257,488	1,187,556	147	907.75	▲ 5.90

NBK	703	694	6,540,041	4,582,538	210	699	▲ 2
GBK	245	243	214,131	52,380	10	245	▲ 1
CBK	324	311	65,501	20,592	13	312	▲ 2
ABK	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	340	— 0
ALMUTAHED	444	444	4,154	1,844	1	444	▲ 2
KIB	251	248	1,650,898	413,135	45	249	▼ -3
BURG	330	329	271,573	89,607	7	330	▲ 1
KFIN	500	490	4,043,031	2,011,663	213	500	▲ 7
BOUBRYAN	413	410	169,542	69,630	17	410	— 0
AUB	212	209	3,135,301	659,505	90	211	— 0
ITHMR	48.0	46.0	11,831,695	552,942	182	46.8	▲ 0
WARISABANK	255	253	590,145	150,134	87	255	▲ 4
Banks			28,525,013	8,603,978	855	936.34	▲ 2.80

KINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	262	— 0
GINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	500	— 0.0
AINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	480	— 0.0
WINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	102	— 0.0
KUWAITRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	196	— 0.0
FTI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	60	— 0.0
WETHAQ	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	57	— 0.0
BKINWT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	355	— 0.0
Insurance			0	0	0	1076.75	— 0.00

Trades							
Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KD)	Trades	Last	Change
SOKOLK	49.0	47.0	178994	8,413	9	48.5	▲ 0.4
KRE	56	55	1,070,733	59,487	14	56	▲ 0.6
URC	85	81	32,770	2,658	4	85	— 0.0
NRE	119	114	5,495,113	637,096	144	116	▲ 2.0
SRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	380	— 0.0
TAM	400	400	105,000	42,000	2	400	— 0.0
AREEC	155	145	127,903	18,744	9	147	▼ -18.0
MASSALEH	45.0	43.0	49,026	2,186	6	45.0	— 0.0
ARABREC	33.4	32.4	82,560	2,675	6	33.4	▲ 1.4
ERESCO	38.5	38.4	93,500	3,591	8	38.4	▲ 0.9
MABANEE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	783	— 0.0
INJAZZAT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	92	— 0.0
INVESTORS	23.4	22.6	1,647,012	37,891	33	23.4	▲ 0.9
IRC	33.0	31.0	153,482	4,776	8	32.8	▼ -1.0

ALTUARIA	74	73	572,035	41,751	33	73	▼ -2.2
SANAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	50	— 0.0
AAYANRE	84	83	5,150	428	2	84	▼ -1.4
AQAR	70	66	46,440	3,112	2	66	▼ -15.8
ALAGARIA	38.5	36.0	26,199	951	4	36.5	▼ -0.5
MAZAYA	112	110	419,915	46,403	16	112	▲ 1.0
ADNC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	11.0	— 0.0
THEMAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	70	— 0.0
TUARA	57	54	38,630	2,086	5	57	— 0.0
TAAMEER	34.4	33.3	326,194	11,067	19	34.3	▲ 0.9
ARKAN	83	83	150,000	12,450	2	83	▼ -1.0
ARGAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	186	— 0.0
ABYAR	23.5	22.6	2,724,728	62,927	44	23.1	▲ 0.2
MUNSHAAT	56	53	80,002	4,240	4	56	▲ 3.0
FIRSTDOUBAI	48.5	48.4	83,194	4,033	4	48.5	— 0.0
KBT	49.0	48.5	180,000	8,743	11	48.7	▲ 0.2
REAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	390	— 0.0
MINA	22.6	22.4	236,045	5,308	16	22.5	▲ 0.5
ALMUDON	36.0	33.9	96,563	3,438	8	35.7	▼ -0.1
MARAKEZ	46.5	46.5	100	5	1	46.5	— 0.0
REMAI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	65	— 0.0
AWJ	75	75	74,340	5,576	2	75	— 0.0

Real Estate			14,995,328	1,032,625	416	950.10	▼ -2.30
KINW	97	96	20,038	1,929	4	97	— 0.0
FACIL	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	170	— 0.0
IFA	37.0	34.8	1,145,900	40,586	26	36.0	▲ 0.1
NINW	103	101	248,000	25,482	12	103	— 0.0
KPROJ	340	338	9,100	3,080	7	340	▲ 4.8
COAST	40.9	40.0	845,500	37,970	12	40.1	▲ 0.1
SECH	43.5	41.2	89,468	3,733	10	43.5	▲ 1.5
SGC	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
ARZAN	36.5	33.0	49,337	1,679	5	36.0	▲ 1.0
MARKAZ	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	110	— 0.0
KMEFIC	30.0	30.0	1,858	56	2	30.0	▲ 3.5
ALAMAN	41.8	41.1	181,800	6,714	7	41.1	▼ -0.3
ALOLA	49.3						



LE BOURGET: A Dassault Aviation Rafale fighter jet performs during a flight display yesterday at the International Paris Air Show in Le Bourget outside Paris.

LOCKHEED SIGNS PACT WITH TATA TO MAKE F-16 PLANES IN INDIA

PARIS: Lockheed Martin signed an agreement with India's Tata Advanced Systems yesterday to produce F-16 fighter planes in India, pressing ahead with a plan to shift its Fort Worth, Texas plant to win billions of dollars worth of order from the Indian military. India's air force needs hundreds of aircraft to replace its Soviet-era fleet, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has said foreign suppliers would have to make the planes in India with a local partner to help build a domestic industrial base and cut outright imports.

But Modi's Make-in-India drive runs the risk of conflicting with US President Donald Trump's America First campaign under which he has been pressing for companies to invest in the United States and create jobs instead of setting up factories abroad. In announcing their agreement at the Paris Airshow, Lockheed and Tata said moving the production base to India would still retain jobs in the United States.

"F-16 production in India supports thousands of Lockheed Martin and F-16 supplier jobs in the US, creates new manufacturing jobs in India, and positions Indian industry at the center of the most extensive fighter aircraft supply ecosystem in the world," a joint statement by the firms said. Sweden's Saab is the other contender to supply the Indian Air Force, offering to make its Gripen fighter in India. It has not yet announced a local partner for the plane which it has pitched as a modern alternative to the F-16s.

The announcement comes days before Modi travels to Washington for a first meeting with Trump, scheduled for June 26. India and the United States have built a close defence relationship in recent years with Washington emerging as among the top three arms suppliers to India, along with Russia and Israel. India will also have the chance to export the F-16 that is flown by air forces around the world, the joint statement said. Some 3,200 of these planes are being flown by 26 countries and the model that is being offered to India will be Block 70, the most modern of all the F-16s.

"This unprecedented F-16 production partnership between the world's largest defense contractor and India's premier industrial house provides India the opportunity to produce, operate and export F-16 Block 70 aircraft, the newest and most advanced version of the world's most successful, combat-proven multi-role fighter," the statement said. Tata is already building airframe components for the C-130 military transport aircraft. India has not opened formal bidding for the jet order, which is expected to be anything from 100 planes to 250. — Reuters



LE BOURGET: A plane is moved on the tarmac of Le Bourget.



LE BOURGET: An Airbus A380 with the mention A380 plus stands on the tarmac of Le Bourget.

BOEING ANNOUNCES LATEST PLANE AT PARIS AIR SHOW

MAX 10: MOST EFFICIENT JET IN CIVIL AVIATION MARKET

LE BOURGET, France: Boeing announced yesterday what it claims will be the most efficient jet yet in the highly competitive civil aviation market as it tries to claw back market share from rival Airbus. "Today, it is our pleasure to officially announce the newest member of our 737 family, the 737 MAX 10," Kevin McAllister, head of the company's commercial aviation division, told journalists as the Paris Air Show got under way. It quickly announced more than 100 orders worth some \$13.5 billion, although some were customers changing their selection of models from previous orders.

The MAX 10 will be the largest of the updated 737 series, which competes head on with Airbus's A320neo family. With the latest advances in engines and aerodynamics, they promise significant fuel savings to airlines, which have responded with hundreds of orders for single-aisle airlines that are the workhorses of their fleets. Airbus, which moved first to update its aircrafts used in most midrange flights, now has a 60 percent market share.

The 737 MAX 10, which can carry up to 230 passengers, is the largest in the class, and Boeing said it would be five percent cheaper to operate than the Airbus A321neo. As these planes can carry more passengers, they have attracted interest from low-cost airlines as well as carriers looking to exploit their range that allows them to make flights across the Atlantic. McAllister said the 737 MAX 10 will be "the most efficient single-aisle airplane in the skies".

Boeing has a test version of the 737 MAX 9 on display at Le Bourget airport north of Paris, which hosts the air show. For its part, Airbus announced orders for over 100 planes in its A320neo family, including at least a dozen of the latest A321neo model, worth over \$11.5 billion. While Airbus and Boeing dominate the world's civil aviation industry, the duopoly is not without challengers: Competition is looming, notably from Russia and China, which have been test-flying their own mid-range models.

The air show comes a little too early for either Russia's Irkut, with its MC-21, or China's Comac, with the much-flagged C919, to be able to showcase their aircraft there, but both will leave little doubt that they expect to win a big slice of the aviation pie in the future. Airbus will also showcase its new long-haul model A350-1000 and Boeing's 787-10 Dreamliner, while Ukraine's Antonov will present its 132 D. Airbus will also have on hand a new "plus" size version of its A380 as it tries to revive interest among airlines in the superjumbo double-decker aircraft.

Changes to the cabin will allow airlines to add another 80 seats to the planes which carry around 500 passengers



LE BOURGET: French President Emmanuel Macron is seated in the cockpit of an Airbus A400M turboprop transport plane before taking off from Villacoublay military airbase near Paris.

on average without reducing comfort. Together with aerodynamic improvements, Airbus said the planes will be 13 percent cheaper to operate on a per seat basis from current models. It is the first major update to the plane since it entered service in 2007. Airbus, which has been talking with airlines for years about improvements to the aircraft to take advantage of the latest cost-saving technologies, slowed down production of the aircraft last year as orders dried up.

While new civilian aircraft orders will probably fall short of the \$130 billion the Paris show clocked up last time—mostly thanks to airlines ordering the latest fuel-efficient Boeing and Airbus aircraft—the industry is still optimistic about sustained growth. Airbus said this month that it expected the market for large passenger planes to more than double in the next 20 years, driven by growth from

Asian markets. It predicts the need for 35,000 new planes worth \$5.3 trillion over the next two decades, an increase from last year's estimates.

Supersonic roars

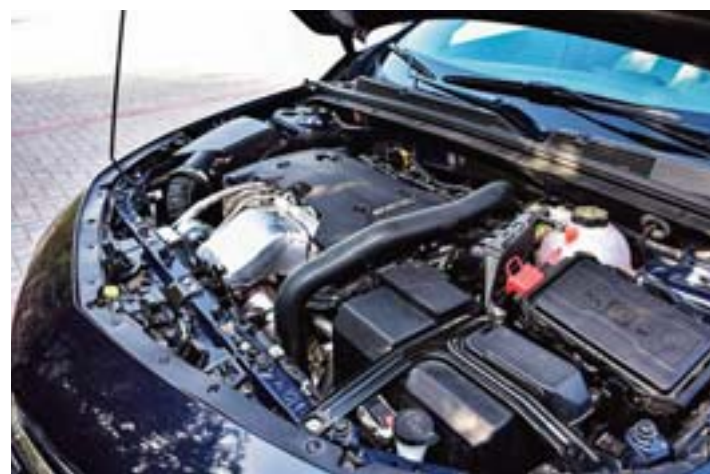
French President Emmanuel Macron officially opened the biennial Paris Air Show, arriving on an Airbus A400M military transport plane. Military aircraft are also a key part of the air show, and the spectacular displays of supersonic combat planes are a key draw for the crowds. One star performer will be Lockheed Martin's F-35A next-generation fighter jet, scheduled to make demonstration flights during the air show. Some 200,000 member of the public are expected to visit the air show, which runs to June 25. That is in addition to the 150,000 industry professionals from 2,370 companies. — AFP



LE BOURGET: French President Emmanuel Macron, second right, poses with NASA administrator, Robert M. Lightfoot, second left, Jean-Yves Le Gall, President of the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES), right, and French astronaut Thomas Pesquet. — AP/AFP photos



LE BOURGET: French President Emmanuel Macron, second right, French defense minister Sylvie Goulard, second left, Dassault Aviation CEO Eric Trappier, right, and French Foreign Affairs minister Jean-Luc Le Drian watch demonstration flights as part of the Paris Air Show in Le Bourget, north of Paris yesterday.



CHEVROLET'S MALIBU 2017 STANDS OUT AS THE HIGH-END VEHICLE IN ITS CLASS

KUWAIT: 50 years after it was first introduced to the world, the Chevrolet Malibu maintains its leadership position among vehicles of its class all around the world, and especially in its 2017 model. The enhanced overall look and improved performance makes owning a superior vehicle at a very competitive price. The new Malibu 2017 comes with a strong engine, a chic and comfortable interior, and a bold overall design, building on the features that made the Malibu popular in our part of the world.

Following its campaign last year, 'The car you never expected', which involved people driving and analyzing the features of the car which was completely debagged to be unrecognizable, the Malibu stood out as a car worth high-end vehicles; thanks to its looks and features which comprise the 2.0L 4-cylinder turbocharged engine, 250HP, 300 rpm, 350 Nm at 1, 700 rpm FWD, eight-speed auto transmitter.

Superior performance

Under its hood, the new Malibu 2017 covers a 2.0-liter four-cylinder turbocharged engine generating a power of 250HP, and a torque value of 350 Nm. The turbo engine is the first on any Chevrolet vehicle introduced in the Middle East. The twin-scroll turbo pro-



vides instantaneous response and virtually eliminates the dreaded turbo lag. The performance further enhances with the eight-speed transmission, enabling the Malibu to hit 100 km/h in under 6.5 seconds, giving drivers the fast and efficient performance they look for.

Buyers of this class of cars with high demands will definitely have their investment worth with a superior vehicle from usual small cars in the same segment. The 245/45 sized tires all-around ensure the Malibu remains on

track while the all-around disc brakes provide a confident brake feel. Power transmission from the gas pedal to the road is without a doubt, smooth and highly sought after, particularly in this segment.

As for suspension, the 16 and 17-inch wheels provide a quiet ride, while an upgrade to 18-inch wheels provides a soft ride giving a hint of the road quality, and a more sophisticated look. The new Malibu also boasts a host of active and passive safety features, which gives greater peace of mind

while on the road. A high-strength steel safety cage is provided for the best safety during accident impacts, in addition to a list of features that help minimize accidents. These features include Front Pedestrian Alert, Forward Collision Alert with Following Distance Indicator and Front Park Assist ensure that the beautiful front end of the Malibu remains intact at all times. Blind Zone Alert, Rear Cross Traffic Alert and Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure Warning guarantees you to remain stress-free at high-speed and in high-traffic transits. Moreover, IntelliBeam technology ensures drivers get the best road illumination, with the Malibu automatically switching to high beam when it is best.

Attractive interior features

The interior of the Malibu was designed to provide a world of comfort. The front leather seats are electrically adjustable and feature cooling; an ideal addition to cope of the local weather. Rear seats are also finished in leather with wide legroom and headroom for a stress-free experience. The leather-clad steering wheel falls into hand easily for ergonomic comfort. Further enhancing the comfort experience, the Malibu features a full-size panoramic roof, which easily increases cabin airiness when

open. The center console is dominated by an eight-inch touch screen, equipped with the MyLink infotainment system to connect to iOS and Android devices. Functions such as audio, navigation, comfort settings and many more can be accessed through the steering-mounted control to ensure drivers keep their hands on the steering wheel and remain focused on the road ahead.

High-end exterior

The Malibu 2017 received the Chevrolet redesign treatment and design fabric. The look and features are at par with high-end carsata very attractive price offering. The overall design of the vehicle stands out as sharper, thanks to its compact dimensions. The front end looks aggressive with well styled grill while the headlamp units are sleek that fit the front-end geometry. The Chevrolet badge is fit between the two-part front grilles which have a chrome lining on their perimeter. The hood's design strengthens the bold look of the Malibu with a thick A-pillar defining the Malibu from front to the sloping roofline. The increased wheelbase of the new Malibu ensures that the sloping roof does not hinder rear passenger headroom, and also provides great legroom. Towards the rear, the aggressive lines give way to smoother and simpler look.

MIDDLE EAST MILLENNIAL WORK HARD TO CREATE POSITIVE IMPACT

KUWAIT: Millennial business owners in the Middle East are more likely to be driven by the desire to increase their influence and have a positive impact on others than the overall average for entrepreneurs globally, according to a new study by HSBC Private Bank. The bank's second Essence of Enterprise report, launched yesterday, researched the views of over 4,000 entrepreneurs globally to understand the motivations behind setting up their own businesses.

The research found that three in ten (29 percent) Middle Eastern entrepreneurs in their 20s are motivated to set up their business in part by the desire to have a positive impact on their community, while, a third (33 percent) say they are also driven to have a positive economic impact - a greater proportion than their peers in every other region surveyed. By contrast, 20 percent of all entrepreneurs globally are motivated by the need to have a positive impact on their community, while 25 percent want to have a positive economic impact.

The research found that 29 percent of millennial entrepreneurs in the Middle East went into business to build a name for themselves, compared with 23 percent of all entrepreneurs globally. The desire to make a positive difference is borne out by the amount of time spent dedicated to community activity and volunteering. Middle Eastern millennial spend almost an hour (58 minutes and 20 seconds) each day taking part in these activities, 15 minutes longer than the

global average for all entrepreneurs and above the average of 55 minutes and 19 seconds for other entrepreneurs in their age group.

Middle Eastern millennial motivations extend to nurturing talents within the company. Out of all regions surveyed, this group, along with the millennial in the US, are most likely to devote a high amount of effort into inspiring and educating others (51 percent)



Sobhi Tabbara

- ahead of millennial entrepreneurs in Europe (45 percent) and Asia Pacific (43 percent). They also just trail the US in leading the way in placing a high amount of effort in employment growth and staff welfare (52 percent of American millennial v/s 49 percent of Middle Eastern millennial). Overall, millennial in the Middle East dedicate a huge amount more time to working than their worldwide peer group; the 12 hours and 35 minutes a day which they spend on business activities is over two and a half hours longer than the global average for millennial (ten hours and three minutes).

Sobhi Tabbara, HSBC's Global Market Head of Private Banking, Middle East said: "The latest Essence of Enterprise study shows that Middle Eastern entrepreneurs are incredibly driven in meeting their goals, with a hungry young generation working significantly longer hours, compared to the rest of the world, to achieve this. On top of the financial rewards, it is particularly interesting to see that altruism and the consideration of overall impact on the community in which businesses operate is becoming an important factor in drawing entrepreneurs to starting their own companies.

"As we help drive and advise business owners in achieving economic and social growth, studies such as the Essence of Enterprise are vital helping us to understand the unique passions and motivations of our clients in the Middle East"



BURGAN BANK ANNOUNCES LUCKY WINNERS OF YAWMI ACCOUNT DRAW

KUWAIT: Burgan Bank, the second largest in terms of assets, announced yesterday the names of the daily draw winners of its Yawmi account draw, each taking home a cash-prize of KD 5,000. The lucky winners are: Mohammad Abdullah Al-Wazzan, Jaafar Ahmad Al-Tarrah, Abdulrazzaq Abdullah Ahmad, Redha Mohammad Alkhayat and Abeer Ali Alghanim. In addition to the daily draw, Burgan Bank also offers a Quarterly Draw with more chances to win higher rewards, offering the chance to one lucky customer to win KD 125,000 every three months.

The Yawmi Account offers Daily and

Quarterly Draws, wherein the Quarterly Draw requires customers to maintain a minimum amount of KD 500 in their account for two months prior to the draw date. Additionally, every KD 10 in the account will entitle customers to one chance of winning. If the account balance is KD 500 and above, the account holder will be qualified for both the quarterly and daily draws. Burgan Bank encourages everyone to open a Yawmi account and/or increase their deposit to maximize their chances of becoming a winner. The higher the level of the deposit, the higher the likelihood to win.

CADILLAC ALGHANIM TO DONATE A SHARE OF ITS PROFIT TO KRCS

KUWAIT: Committed to supporting the communities it serves and ensuring the wellbeing of specific segments of the society, Yusuf A. Alghanim & Sons Automotive, the sole distributor of Cadillac vehicles in Kuwait, renewed its social commitment during the Holy month of Ramadan, pledging to donate a share of its profit of each car sold to the Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) during the month of May 2017. In this light, the Cadillac Alghanim represented by Rajesh Krishnan (Vice president-Automotive-General motors' brands & Mohamed Eltalkhawi (General Manager-Cadillac Alghanim) in collaboration with Alghanim corporate communications team presented by Abdullateef Al-Sharikh - Director-Corporate Communications Alghanim Industries team presented the donation cheque to Helal Al-Sayer (President of Board of Directors) of KRCS.

The initiative comes as part of the brand's ongoing commitment to various segments of the community, be it education, awareness or individuals with special needs. Falling under the Alghanim Industries and as part of a philanthropic mandate, Cadillac Alghanim will donate the amounts to a program targeting individuals with special needs & People with illness initiated and managed by the Red Crescent.

KRCS performs various community roles in Kuwait, targeting all those in need of support, aid and assistance to overcome difficulties, tragedies and sufferings, which foster its humanitarian and social efforts. KRCS endeavors to treat patients in need residing in Kuwait to maintain their safety and provide medicines, medical needs, wheel chairs and other medical matters. KRCS is keen to provide all assistance to all the categories present in Kuwait.

It focuses on the welfare of families in need, interaction with the social welfare houses' guests, visiting patients in the hospitals for the purpose of providing



social, psychological and entertainment welfare of the patients and guests of social welfare houses. Since the brand's promising arrival to Kuwait, Cadillac has unceasingly pushed the boundaries of design and engineering in the nation, earning much deserved recognition and status due to the groundbreaking cooperation it had with Yusuf A. Alghanim & Sons Automotive, Cadillac's exclusive distributor in Kuwait.

Founded in 1932, the company's rich heritage and distribution services are synonymous with market leadership, determinedly built through a lifetime of trust and success with numerous affiliations and international commercial brands. Within that same spirit, Cadillac has maintained its leadership in the world of luxury automobiles by redefining the design, performance and technology envisioned by its parent company, General Motors. And thanks to the premium services provided by its Kuwaiti distributor, the brand has managed to ele-

vate its iconic vehicles to an even higher plane of prestige. From designing a range of refined interior features and sleek exterior lines, to adding raw power and finishing touches that enrich the driver's sense of individuality, Cadillac has intuitively managed to blend the worlds of dynamic engineering and contemporary chic lifestyle with a remarkable degree of success.

Alghanim enterprise has also provided Cadillac with the biggest and most advanced service center in the world, expertly managed by the most capable engineers and technicians, and equipped with the latest technology equipment for car maintenance. This all coalesces so beautifully with the company's award-winning customer service team who readily understands the unique needs and luxurious lifestyle of a Cadillac owner, whose loyalty and satisfaction are just one of the many awards enshrined in Cadillac's never-ending trophies stand.



ABK OFFERS ITS CUSTOMERS THE VISA CHECKOUT ONLINE PAYMENT FEATURE

KUWAIT: In line with its Simpler Banking strategy, Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) is offering its customers the latest Visa Checkout online payment feature; a service which provides a fast, simple and secure way for customers to manage their online payments. ABK customers utilizing Visa Checkout will benefit from the reduced number of fields required to fill out, which have gone from 44 to 2 fields, along with a simple and secure sign-up process.

The service also offers a more optimized mobile and web shopping experience, and the best in-class fraud mitigation measure, where risk is evaluated at every stage to create a secure

foundation, using mechanisms such as device fingerprinting and step-up authentication, which ultimately leads to minimal fraud risk. Customers of ABK interested in Visa Checkout can simply visit eahl.com and register for the service.

Visa Checkout has been adopted by leading global brands, reinforcing the benefits of the service to customers and merchants alike. In turn, ABK is committed to adopting the latest technology solutions that offer a simpler banking experience, while offering more speed, security and convenience; the ultimate aim of the Bank's 'Simpler Banking' strategy.

IN CHINA, UNIVERSITIES TEACH HOW TO GO VIRAL ONLINE

SHANGHAI: A 21-year-old student walked around her campus in China using invaluable skills she learned in class: Holding a selfie stick aloft, she livestreamed her random thoughts and blew kisses at her phone. Jiang Mengna is majoring in “modelling and etiquette” at Yiwu Industrial & Commercial College near Shanghai, aspiring to join the growing ranks of young Chinese cashing in on internet stardom. Hordes of Chinese millennials are speaking directly to the country’s 700 million smartphone users, streaming their lives to lucrative effect, fronting brands and launching businesses.

They are known as “wanghong”—literally hot on the web—and they now represent an industry worth billions and so big it even has its own university curriculum. At Yiwu Industrial & Commercial College, the classrooms for Jiang and the other 33 mostly female students are typically dance studios, catwalks strafed by flashing lights, and bustling makeup rooms. The skills taught include dressing fashionably, applying make-up, performing on camera, and knowing various luxury brands. “I like dressing myself up really pretty and take pictures. I feel like this major really suits me,” Jiang said.

She spent 30 minutes at lunch musing about her day to her internet audience. She was rewarded with a quick 60 yuan in “virtual gifts” – emoticons



SHANGHAI: Employees of the e-commerce startup ‘gogoand’ work on their website in Shanghai. — AFP

with small digital values that comprise the main income for many aspiring wanghong, at least until they go viral. “The requests and demands for our major are rising because the e-commerce industry

is developing rapidly,” said Hou Xiaonan, a dance teacher. Wang Xin, 20, switched from accounting to a major in wanghong. “I have always had an idea, a dream to be on stage with the lights on me and the

crowd watching me,” Wang said.

Nobodies behind \$7.7bn industry

The students are trying to follow in the footsteps of people like Wang Houhou, a self-described shopaholic, and her friend Wang Ruhan. When they began posting tips on China’s social media about good fashion and where to find it last year, the pair had no idea that their new hobby would make them money. But soon enough, the Shanghai-based duo’s posts and videos won hundreds of thousands of viewers, and retailers followed, vying for their endorsements.

Like other wanghong, they are now leveraging their cyber-fame with an e-commerce fashion business which they launched earlier this month. “I would just find a very interesting item that I would wear, and I would take weird photos of it and post it on the blog, and people really go and buy this stuff,” Wang Houhou said, almost in disbelief. Internet consultancy Analysys International estimated China’s wanghong industry was worth 53 billion yuan (\$7.7 billion) last year and would double by 2018. “A nobody can suddenly become prominent and average people can become celebrities,” said Yuan Guobao, author of “The Wanghong Economy.” — AFP



ISYX TECHNOLOGIES WINS CISCO THE ‘EMERGING PARTNER AWARD’

DUBAI: ISYX Technologies, a fast-growing business innovation consulting company in the Middle East and Africa, announced that it has won the ‘Emerging Partner of the year’ award at Cisco’s 2-Tier channel partner event held recently in Dubai. ISYX was recognized for its outstanding performance and expertise in promoting and deploying Cisco’s transformational technologies within a short period of time since joining Cisco’s channel partner network.

“Cisco has been leading the conversation on digital transformation and cyber-security globally with its thought leadership and innovative solutions. As a trusted advisor, ISYX has been helping organisations transform their businesses by automating their processes and securing their infrastructure with leading-edge technologies from vendors such as Cisco,” said Sharoon Shamsuddin, CEO of ISYX Technologies.

“We are pleased to win the ‘Emerging Partner of the year’ award, which is an achievement and a significant validation of our customer-centric approach. This award is recognition of our team’s capabilities and expertise in delivering end-to-end solutions, which not only help our customers meet their technology infrastructure needs but also deliver on business outcomes in their digitization journey,” Shamsuddin added.

ISYX provides customers services such infrastructure design, security, managed services, and applications. The company has created vertical specific solutions for

the manufacturing, construction, health-care, oil & gas and Asset and real estate sectors and counts some of the biggest names in these sectors as its clients. ISYX is one of the few companies in the region to get certified on ISO 27001, ISO 9001, ISO 20000, ISO 22301 and CMMI Level 3 standards. The company delivers projects for its customer as a co-innovator and consulting partner to support their customer experience and business transformation journey with project execution modeled to drive business outcomes.

As the “Advanced Collaboration Architecture Specialized” and “Advanced Unified Computing Technology Specialized” partner for Cisco the UAE, ISYX helps its customers embark on their digitization journey by architecting and implementing Cisco’s extensive portfolio of solutions including unified communications, conferencing, customer care and collaboration endpoints.

Cisco’s annual partner awards is a consolidation of the top 2-Tier partners who were able to meet both the challenges of re-skilling themselves in a short window of opportunity and delivering solutions successfully for their key customers. Cisco presented awards across 14 categories to its top performing Tier-2 partners from the UAE, Oman, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen, which form part of the Cisco Middle East’s - East region. ISYX was chosen as the Emerging Partner of the Year for its impactful performance in its first year as Cisco’s partner for the region.

NEW KASPERSKY EMBEDDED SYSTEMS SECURITY FOR ATMS, POS TERMINALS

DUBAI: With the tactics of cybercriminals getting ever more sophisticated, and with regulatory pressures also mounting, financial enterprises are up against increasing hurdles when it comes to future-proofing their ATMs, Point of Sale systems and Point of Service machines. To help these organizations, Kaspersky Lab has released a new generation of its Kaspersky Embedded Systems Security.

This targeted enterprise-grade solution provides advanced protection for a variety of embedded systems involved in highly sensitive financial operations, while at the same time allowing these businesses to address pressing regulatory requirements. Cybercriminals today are successfully adopting tactics and techniques of the APT groups involved in bank robberies, giving financial organizations increasing security problems.

2016 saw a rapid development in hi-tech attacks on financial organizations- such as the Metel, GCMAN and Carbanak 2.0 attacks. In 2017 Kaspersky Lab experts ran into even more examples. These included mysterious attacks where criminals used fileless in-memory malware to infect banking networks, as well as ATMTech, the traceless malware that cashed out ATMs via remote administration.

All these APT-style attacks combined reconnaissance, social engineering, specialized malware, lateral movement tools and long-term persistence to steal money from financial institutions. In response to the rise in these cyber threats, world-leading financial organizations like SWIFT are introducing new mandatory regulations to protect themselves from cybercriminals. These establish security standards and guidelines for the financial sector, including the need for anti-malware protection, vulnerability assessment, security awareness.

To support requirements and to boost the protection of financial companies, Kaspersky Lab is providing its enterprise-

level customers with efficient security that meets major global compliance standards and gives them the visibility they need. Multiple cutting-edge innovations within the Kaspersky Embedded Systems Security solution make the infrastructure more transparent, so if an incident or breach occurs, it can be audited or investigated easily. With the new File Integrity Monitor functionality, security specialists can track actions performed with specified files and folders and make sure no alteration of files goes unnoticed.

The new version also enables Log Inspection for analyzing activity within a protected system, identifying breaches or abnormal behavior and saving logs for further analysis. With added SIEM integration, the solution can now also export application logs to the corporate Security Operation Center. All these technologies provide security teams and external auditors with the tool they need to ensure that the infrastructure is compliant and secure.

Even while traditional and widely-used malware can make the low-end hardware and obsolete operating systems often found in embedded systems, an easy target, there are also more sophisticated threats - such as fileless malware that operates in memory. To address these threats, Kaspersky Embedded Systems Security ensures security at both file and memory level with real-time anti-malware protection, on-demand scan and Process Memory protection.

Additional security features include USB/CD/DVD access control and centralized firewall management along with Default Deny mode that blocks attempts to run any unauthorized executable code or drivers on ATMs and POS terminals. “Enterprise-grade organizations, especially in the financial industry, will be under increasing regulatory pressure in the next year, considering the recent rise in incidents with critical embedded systems, like ATMs and POS terminals.

SNAKE ON A PLANE! DON’T PANIC, IT’S PROBABLY JUST ‘SOFT ROBOT’

NEW, SOFTER, ROBOTS OPEN UP NEW AREAS FOR AUTOMATION

SINGAPORE: Robots are getting softer. Borrowing from nature, some machines now have arms that curl and grip like an octopus, others wriggle their way inside an airplane engine or forage underwater to create their own energy. This is technology that challenges how we think of, and interact with, the robots of the not-too-distant future. Robots are big business: by 2020, the industry will have more than doubled to \$188 billion, predicts IDC, a consultancy.

But there’s still a lot that today’s models can’t do, partly because they are mostly made of rigid metal or plastic. Softer, lighter and less reliant on external power, future robots could interact more safely and predictably with humans, go where humans can’t, and do some of the robotic jobs that other robots still can’t manage. A recent academic conference in Singapore showcased the latest advances in soft robotics, highlighting how far they are moving away from what we see as traditional robots.

“The theme here,” says Nikolaus Correll of Colorado University, “is a departure from gears, joints and links.” One robot on display was made of origami paper; another resembled a rolling colostomy bag. They are more likely to move via muscles that expand and contract through heat or hydraulics than by electricity. Some combine sensing and movement into the same component - just as our fingertips react to touch without needing our brain to make a decision. These ideas are already escaping from the lab.

Small, agile

Rolls-Royce, for example, is testing a snake-like robot that can worm its way inside an aircraft engine mounted on the wing, saving the days it can take to remove the engine, inspect it and put it back. Of all the technologies Rolls-Royce is exploring to solve this bottleneck, “this

is the killer one,” says Oliver Walker-Jones, head of communications. The snake, says its creator, Arnau Garriga Casanovas, is made largely of pressurized silicone chambers, allowing the controller to propel and bend it through the engine with bursts of air. Using soft materials, he says, means it can be small and agile. For now, much of the commercial action for softer robots is in logistics, replacing production-line jobs that can’t yet be handled by hard robots.

Food preparation companies and growers like Blue Apron, Plated and HelloFresh already use soft robotics for handling produce, says Mike Rocky, of recruiter PrincetonOne. The challenge, says Cambridge Consultants’ Nathan Wrench, is to overcome the uncertainty when handling something - which humans deal with unconsciously: figuring out its shape and location and how hard to grip it, and distinguishing one object from another. “This is an area robots traditionally can’t do, but where (soft robots) are on the cusp of being able to,” said Wrench.

Marine inspiration

Investors are excited, says Leif Jentoft, co-founder of RightHand Robotics, because it addresses a major pain point in the logistics industry. “Ecommerce is growing rapidly and warehouses are struggling to find enough labor, especially in remote areas where warehouses tend to be located.” Some hope to ditch the idea that robots need hands. German automation company Festo and China’s Beihang University have built a prototype OctopusGripper, which has a pneumatic tentacle made of silicone that gently wraps itself around an object, while air is pumped in or out of suction cups to grasp it. The ocean has inspired other robots, too.

A soft robot fish from China’s Zhejiang University swims by ditching the usual rigid

motors and propellers for an artificial muscle which flexes. It’s lifelike enough, says creator Tiefeng Li, to fool other fish into embracing it as one of their own, and is being tested to explore or monitor water salinity. And Bristol University in the UK is working on underwater robots that generate electrical energy by foraging for bio-matter to feed a chain of microbial fuel-cell stomachs. Hemma Philamore says her team is talking to companies and environmental organizations about using its soft robots to decontaminate polluted waterways and monitor industrial infrastructure.

This doesn’t mean the end of hard-shelled robots. Part of the problem, says Mark Freudenberg, executive technology director at frog, a design company, is that soft materials break easily, noting that most animatronic dolls like Teddy Ruxpin and Furby have rigid motors and plastic casings beneath their fur exteriors. To be sure, the nascent soft robot industry lacks an ecosystem of software, hardware components and standards - and some companies have already failed. Empire Robotics, one of the first soft robot gripper companies, closed last year.

RightHand’s Jentoft says the problem is that customers don’t just want a robot, but the whole package, including computer vision and machine learning. “It’s hard to be a standalone gripper company,” he says. And even if soft robots find a niche, chances are they still won’t replace all the jobs done by human or hard-shelled robots. Wrench, whose Cambridge Consultants has built its own fruit picking robot, says he expects to see soft robots working with humans to harvest fruit like apples and pears which are harder to damage. Once the robot has passed through, human pickers would follow to grab fruit hidden behind leaves and in hard-to-reach spots. — Reuters



CALIFORNIA: Photo shows Google’s headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. Google is intensifying its campaign to fight online extremism, saying it will put more resources toward identifying and removing videos related to terrorism and hate groups. — AP

GOOGLE INTENSIFIES CAMPAIGN AGAINST ONLINE EXTREMISM

NEWARK: Google is intensifying its campaign against online extremism, saying it will put more resources toward identifying and removing videos related to terrorism and hate groups. The renewed efforts arrive in the wake of violent attacks in the US and elsewhere. A van struck a crowd of people outside a London mosque Sunday, the second time an automobile was used as a weapon in that city this month, and less than a week after a gunman attacked GOP lawmakers on a baseball field. “While we and others have worked for years to identify and remove content that violates our policies, the uncomfortable truth is that we, as an industry, must acknowledge that more needs to be done. Now,” Google said in a blog post.

Anti-hate groups like the Southern Poverty

Law Center have been critical of Google and social media sites, saying that they have done little to curtail hate groups online. Facebook and Google “have done little to counter the use of their platforms to spread hateful, false “information,” from conspiracy theories accusing various minority groups of plotting against America to websites promoting Holocaust denial and false “facts” about Islam, LGBT people, women, Mexicans and others, the organization said in a report earlier this year.

Google, along with other companies such as Facebook, Microsoft and Twitter, recently agreed to create an international forum to share and develop technology, support smaller businesses and speed up their joint efforts against online terrorism. On the same day of the most recent attack in London, Google said it would

escalate those efforts. Google will nearly double the number of independent experts it uses to flag problematic content and expand its work with counter-extremist groups to help identify content that may be used to radicalize and recruit extremists.

It will also train more people to identify and remove extremist and terrorism-related content faster. Google Inc said it will also take a tougher stance on videos that don’t clearly violate its policies, like those that contain inflammatory religious or supremacist content. That content may still appear, but with a warning. It is also increasing resources for engineering to identify extremist videos and teaming with Jigsaw to use targeted online advertising to reach potential Isis recruits and shift them toward anti-terrorist videos. — AP

‘HUMAN PROJECT’ STUDY - 10,000 TO SHARE LIFE’S DATA

NEW YORK: Wanted: 10,000 New Yorkers interested in advancing science by sharing a trove of personal information, from cellphone locations and credit-card swipes to blood samples and life-changing events. For 20 years. Researchers are gearing up to start recruiting participants from across the city next year for a study so sweeping it’s called “The Human Project.”

It aims to channel different data streams into a river of insight on health, aging, education and many other aspects of human life. “That’s what we’re all about: putting the holistic picture together,” says project director Dr Paul Glimcher, a New York University neural science, economics and psychology professor. There have been other “big data” health studies, and the National Institutes of Health plans to start full-scale recruitment as soon as this fall for a million-person project intended to foster individualized treatment. But the \$15 million-a-year Human Project is breaking ground with the scope of individual data it plans to collect simultaneously, says Dr Vasant Dhar, editor-in-chief of the journal Big Data, which published a 2015 paper about the project. “It is very ambitious,” the NYU information systems professor says. Participants will be invited to join; researchers are tapping survey science to create a demographically representative group.

They’ll start with tests of everything from blood to genetics to IQ. They’ll be asked for access to medical, financial and educational records, as well as cellphone data such as location and the numbers they call and text. They’ll also be given wearable activity trackers, special scales, and surveys via smartphone. Follow-up blood and urine tests - and an at-home fecal sample - will be requested every three years. Participants get \$500 per family for enrolling, plus a say in directing some charitable

money to community projects. Researchers hope the results will illuminate the interplay between health, behavior and circumstances, potentially shedding new light on conditions ranging from asthma to Alzheimer’s disease. Their excitement comes with the responsibility of safeguarding the digital savings of a lifetime. Protections include multiple rounds of encryption and firewalls. Outside researchers won’t be able to see any raw data, just anonymized subsets limited to the information they need. They’ll take nothing with them but their analyses - by hand, since the analyzing computers aren’t connected to the internet, Glimcher said.

Lee Tien, a senior staff attorney at the digital rights group Electronic Frontier Foundation, credits the Human Project researchers with taking security seriously. But he wonders whether authorities might seek to get at the information for investigations, though Glimcher maintains that the researchers could protect it from anything but major terrorism probes. Glimcher knows The Human Project aspires boldly. In fact, its frequently-asked-questions list includes: “Is this possible? Are you crazy?”

He points to one of medicine’s most storied research efforts: The Framingham Heart Study, launched in 1948. Some 15,000 residents of Framingham, Massachusetts, have been examined over the years. The initiative has fueled more than 1,200 studies and revealed that blood pressure, cholesterol and smoking were linked to heart disease risk. “If we could be seen as having contributed to American health care and well-being and education in the United States in the way that Framingham did, but magnified a hundredfold by the tools of today’s data, what a fantastic accomplishment that



NEW YORK: People walk inside the Oculus, the new transit station at the World Trade Center in New York. Researchers are gearing up to start recruiting 10,000 New Yorkers early next year for a study so sweeping it’s called “The Human Project.” — AP

would be,” Glimcher says. Nancy Spinalone knows what it takes to be part of an accomplishment like that. Her parents joined the Framingham study in 1948, she in 1971 and her husband and four children since then. Now 75 and living on Cape Cod, the retired teacher still undergoes an hourslong fol-

low-up exam and interview every couple of years. Her loved ones have gotten some personally useful information from exams. And she’s gotten the pride of seeing studies come out, with information that could help everyone’s health. “That’s the ‘wow’ feeling,” she says. — AP

BANGKOK STRUGGLES TO PROTECT SLUM DWELLERS; FLOODS WORSEN

‘IT’S HAPPENING EVERY MONSOON’

BANGKOK: In Phrom Samrit, a squatter settlement along a major canal in Bangkok, most of the 300 households live cheek by jowl and have become used to floods after living next to water all their lives. But now their resilience is being chipped away, says Adirak Sangnut, the slum’s elected leader. “Before, it started flooding after raining for three days. But now, it floods after just three hours of rain,” the 47-year-old said.

“After a while, if nothing is done, it’ll be less than an hour before it starts flooding.” As Thailand’s rainy season gets underway, residents in and around Bangkok say they are experiencing more intense and frequent seasonal floods since 2011, when the capital was hit by its worst flooding in half a century. That flood disaster - caused by factors including an unusually heavy monsoon, building on flood plains and changes in water management - affected millions of people and caused \$45.7 billion in losses.

Experts do not expect floods of that magnitude again any time soon but say the city’s low-lying location, continued urbanisation and extreme weather linked to climate change are raising Bangkok’s vulnerability to floods. The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) is planning 28 flood protection projects worth nearly 26 billion baht (\$765.6 million). They include dredging and expanding canals, and constructing flood barriers and water retention areas to drain and divert floodwater to Thailand’s main conduit, the Chao Phraya River.

The budget for four projects to build embankments along canals has already been approved, and an extra 2 billion baht from the military government is being used to carve out giant underground tunnels, said Vallop Suwandee, chairman of an advisory group to the Bangkok governor. The city also issued a resilience strategy earlier this year that includes improved weather forecasts and drainage systems. Yet not everyone approves of the BMA’s plans. Adirak says nearly half of his neighbors, who live near Don Muang airport, disagree with the canal works, fearing they will lose their homes.

Experts have criticized the plans for focusing too much on hard infrastructure solutions which they say are costly and will never be adequate. Barriers such as flood walls could trap rainwater, worsening flash floods, and create a two-tier system where some areas are protected at the expense of others, usually the urban poor and

those in neighboring provinces, they add. But Vallop said climate change makes it imperative for Bangkok to prepare. “It’s necessary for Bangkok and Thailand to invest in infrastructure. If we do not do it now, the damage may cost a lot more in the future,” he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

The city government has warned investors and home-owners whose properties are on major floodways - spillover channels for floodwater - but they have built there anyway, he added. Deputy government spokesman Lieutenant-General Werachon Sukhondhapatipak said Bangkok lacks effective infrastructure to handle large-scale flooding. Problems include inadequate town planning, construction blocking waterways and littering of drainage systems, he said by email. “Effective flood management requires genuine cooperation from all sides,” he added.

Uneven exposure

In the aftermath of the 2011 floods, the government unveiled a much-criticized \$11-billion flood prevention plan, which was scrapped after the military coup of May 2014. Despite Thailand’s frequent cycle of floods and droughts, its approach to water management has always been piecemeal, said Nipon Poapongsakorn of the Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI). Whenever a disaster hits, committees are set up, but they soon disappear, leaving no institutional memory. The absence of a single water agency and a national water law are other major challenges, he added.

In Siriwan Klai-iam’s neighborhood of Bang Bua Thong market in Nonthaburi, a province to the north of Bangkok, flooding has become more common since 2011. Then water reached chest height, and her home and workplace were submerged for nearly three months. “It’s happening every monsoon,” said the 39-year-old, pointing at the road outside that was flooded again in early June. “The government helps sometimes... but mostly after the floods.” Danny Marks, a researcher on urban climate resilience in Southeast Asia at the University of Toronto, said neighborhoods like Siriwan’s could be adversely affected by the BMA’s plans.

The main government response has been to construct more and higher flood walls and other infrastructure rather than significantly improve water management, data collection and land-use planning, said Marks, whose doctoral thesis

examined the authorities’ handling of the 2011 floods. Flood walls create uneven exposure to future flooding, he added, with urban economic areas protected while marginalized groups such as farmers, fishermen and rural communities are exposed to losses and damage. The TDRI’s Nipon said Bangkok needs to become a “sponge city” - a concept promoted by China where infrastructure, including pavements and green roofs, is designed to absorb water.

Rising risks

When Bangkok became Thailand’s capital in 1782, it was a backwater village crisscrossed by canals known as the “Venice of the East”. But many were filled in to make way for cars, while squatter settlements have encroached on others. With that, Bangkok lost much of its drainage capacity. “It’s easier to fill canals instead of appropriating land, but now we are paying a very high price,” said Apichart Anukulamphai, president of the Thailand Water Resources Association. Many also blame slum residents for throwing trash into the canals and blocking the waterways, calling for them to be evicted.

There are hundreds of such communities in Bangkok and they cannot all be dismantled, said Thipparat Noppaladarom, advisor to the Community Organizations Development Institute (CODI), a government agency that upgrades slums. CODI is currently working with residents along a major canal that is being expanded. They will be relocated to higher ground but still live in the same area - a “win-win” situation, said Thipparat. The complexity of acquiring land for infrastructure projects is a familiar challenge to Thongchai Roachanakanan, an urban planning expert at the Department of Town and Country Planning and Public Works.

He designed a floodway after 2011, but almost all the governors he met rejected the plan because much of the land was owned by the rich and powerful. Meanwhile, Bangkok is becoming more vulnerable each year, he added. Thongchai is particularly concerned about flood walls to the east of the ancient capital Ayutthaya, north of Bangkok.

Built after 2011, these walls - some as high as 6 meters (19.7 ft) - could cause problems should a major storm hit central Thailand, he said. If that happens, the water could flow south fast, threatening Bangkok’s two international airports, he warned. — Reuters



OHIO: Kathie Heisinger poses with her desert tortoise Otis after they were reunited in Sebring, Ohio. — AP

OHIO WOMAN REUNITED WITH HER LOST TORTOISE

CLEVELAND: A wayward tortoise’s surprising trek around Ohio has ended happily for its owner, whose two-week search, in a twist of fate, might have saved her sister’s life. Otis the California desert tortoise managed to push open a sliding glass door and escape from Kathie Heisinger’s home in Sebring in Mahoning County on May 30. Heisinger created flyers offering a \$200 reward that was quickly matched by the Sebring Volunteer Fire Department, prompting her to make the reward \$500 total. Village residents soon joined Heisinger in her search around Sebring.

“There are a lot of good people in the world,” Heisinger said. Otis quickly became a minor celebrity. Facebook posts and shares, newspaper and television stories and the flyers led to more than 100 phone calls from people who believed they had spotted him. Heisinger then heard rumors that employees of an amusement company working the Sebring Fireman’s Festival the weekend Otis went missing might have scooped him up. She called the company headquartered 20 miles away in Stark County and the owner told Heisinger his employees had indeed taken possession of Otis - at least temporarily.

Otis had once again escaped after knocking over the cardboard box the workers thought would contain him. The owner kicked in another \$200 to make the reward

\$700, and Heisinger, her sister and friends resumed their search. But by this time, Otis already had found another new home. Tyren O’Steen spotted the tortoise on a road near the amusement company and thought it would make a good pet for his three children. Then last week, after reading a newspaper story about Otis, O’Steen called Heisinger, who was reunited with her beloved pet of 25 years.

“I could tell the tortoise meant a lot to her,” O’Steen told another newspaper that publicized Heisinger’s plight, The Alliance Review. Heisinger said the ending was “heartfelt for a lot of people.” She expressed her gratitude for all who helped out in the search, which she said might have actually saved her sister’s life. Heisinger said it was uncharacteristic for her sister, who lived alone, to have helped out. One day, Dicko complained about her foot hurting and returned to Heisinger’s truck. By the time Heisinger drove her home, she had lost all feeling in her leg.

Dicko underwent emergency blood clot surgery that night. Doctors told her that if she had delayed seeking medical help for a couple of more hours, she would have lost her foot - or even worse. Dicko spent time in intensive care and is now on the road to recovery. “That’s God’s way of having a plan,” Heisinger said. “I’m a Christian, and nothing in this world will not convince me that wasn’t meant to be.” — AP

CHINA BANS SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS BLAMED FOR US DRUG DEATHS

BEIJING: China said yesterday it would ban a designer drug called U-47700 and three others, following US pressure to do more to control synthetic opioids blamed for fast-rising overdose deaths in the United States. In China, U-47700 has until now been a legal alternative to fentanyl and potent derivatives like carfentanil. Its usage has been growing among US opioid addicts. Last year, the US Drug Enforcement Administration listed U-47700 in the category of the most dangerous drugs it regulates, saying it was associated with dozens of fatalities, mostly in New York and North Carolina. Some of the pills taken from Prince’s estate after the musician’s overdose death last year contained U-47700.

The DEA has long said that China is the top source country for synthetic opioids like fentanyl and its precursors, assertions Beijing has said lack firm evidence. Still, the two countries have deepened cooperation as the US opioid epidemic intensifies. Deng Ming, deputy director of the National Narcotics Control Commission, said that U-47700 and



BEIJING: Deng Ming, deputy director of the National Narcotics Control Commission speaks during the National Anti-drug Committee briefing at a hotel in Beijing yesterday. China has announced it is banning a deadly synthetic opioid called U-47700 and three other synthetic drugs. — AP

three other synthetic drugs - MT-45, PMMA, and 4,4’-DMAR - would be added to China’s list of controlled substances as of July 1.

Yu Haibin, a division director at the Ministry of Public Security’s Narcotics Control Bureau, said

China was making “big efforts” to deal with drugs known as new psychoactive substances. These substances are made by modifying the chemical structures of controlled substances in order to get around the law, and China has now restrict-

ed 138 of them. However, as soon as one substance is banned, chemists create slightly different and technically legal alternatives and then market them online.

“My feeling is that it’s just like a race and I will never catch up with the criminals,” Yu told a news conference. “Actually, we just want to make a breakthrough in dealing with this.” To counter the cat-and-mouse game, Yu said authorities had set up a system whereby information on new types of drugs gleaned during police investigations, customs clearances and medical treatment would be transferred to the national drug lab. An expert committee would then assess this information and send alert notices to relevant agencies in order to help speed up the control of new substances, he said.

Yu said suspects use the internet to communicate with customers and use the anonymized digital currency bitcoin to transfer money, and that authorities were working with internet companies to try to stop such trade and the advertising of drugs on websites. — AP

HOW MATH FORMULA COULD DECIDE THE FATE OF ENDANGERED US SPECIES

ARIZONA: The Trump administration is considering a proposal that could effectively let some plants and animals become extinct so cash-strapped agencies can use more of their funds to save others. At a closed-door meeting last month, Arizona State University ecologist Leah Gerber presented a plan to US Fish and Wildlife Service officials that would use a mathematical formula to direct government money away from endangered and threatened species she calls “over-funded failures” and toward plants and animals that can more easily be saved.

Gavin Shire, a spokesman for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, said in an email to Reuters that the agency is examining the controversial proposal. “We have worked closely with this group of scientists as they developed this new conservation tool, and while we have not made any determinations yet, are impressed with its potential,” Shire said. “We will be exploring further if and how we may best use it to improve the effectiveness of our recovery efforts.” Gerber’s May 5 meeting

with administration officials and their stated interest in her proposal have not been previously reported. The agency would not comment further. The proposal comes at a time when the Trump administration is seeking to cut billions from the budgets of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Interior, which oversees the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The Endangered Species Act bars the government from deciding which animals and plants become extinct. But funding one species over another could let some decline or die out.

“I just don’t think it’s possible to save all species even though I would like to,” said Gerber, a self-described Democrat and environmentalist. “That’s an uncomfortable thing to say and I don’t like it but that’s the reality,” Gerber said as many as 200 additional species could be saved by directing funds away from species such as the iconic northern spotted owl - whose numbers have declined despite millions of dollars spent on conservation efforts - and toward those with a better chance of survival. — Reuters

TOURISTS DESCEND AS TEMPERATURES CLIMB IN DEATH VALLEY

LAS VEGAS: Desert dwellers in the western US see temperatures topping 120 degrees (49 Celsius) as a reason to hunker down indoors and turn up the air conditioning. But some tourists welcome it as a bucket-list opportunity to experience Death Valley - famously the hottest place in America. Many will get their chance in the days ahead as a vicious heatwave bakes parts of Arizona, California and Nevada.

The mercury at Death Valley National Park reached 124 degrees (51 Celsius) on Sunday, and temperatures are expected to keep climbing through midweek as a dry, high-pressure system lingers over much of the Southwest. Many places saw triple-digit temperatures on Sunday, and the heatwave was blamed for power outages in several areas in California. "There's very few places on Earth to go to experience those temperatures, and Death Valley is one of those," said John Adair, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

Business booms as temperatures soar in July and August at Panamint Springs Resort, near the entrance of Death Valley National Park. "When it's 120 to 125 (degrees), there's more customers than there ever is," said Mike Orozco, who works at the resort that includes a restaurant, gas station, camp sites and cabins. Orozco said locals jokingly refer to the summer spike as "European season," when a flood of tourists from Germany, France, Sweden and other places arrive in Death Valley to experience heat unheard of in Europe.

"Some people consider being out there in those conditions a kind of suffering. Other people can get a kind of euphoria, or a reward, out of it," said Ed Carreon, a commercial photographer in Los Angeles who regularly visits the park and prefers the scorching summer months. "As a younger man, I would go out there to test myself" by hiking peaks in the Panamint Range under blazing sun in triple-digit temperatures with the barest of supplies, Carreon said. Now 58, he recognizes those broiling excursions as the folly of youth. He still makes the treks but usually in the morning before the day heats up "and with the proper clothes, plenty of water and sunscreen."

Almost all of inland California was predicted to simmer at above normal temperatures. In Los Angeles County



PHOENIX: A man runs through section of South Mountain Park at sunrise to avoid the excessive heat in Phoenix. A record heat wave is rolling into Arizona, Nevada and California, threatening to bring 120-degree temperatures to Phoenix by early next week. — AP

the airports in neighboring Palmdale and Lancaster each matched a record high of 108 degrees (42 Celsius) set in 1985. In Las Vegas, organizers of the three-day, outdoor Electric Daisy Carnival music festival encouraged attendees to stay hydrated.

Free water was available during the nighttime event that has drawn more than 130,000 people in past years.

Las Vegas temperatures topped at 110 degrees (43 Celsius) on Sunday and could reach 117 degrees (47 Celsius) when the heatwave peaks by midweek.

That would be the highest temperature ever recorded at McCarran International Airport since logging began in 1937. The National Weather Service in Phoenix said the last time the temperature topped 120 was 1995, at 121 degrees. It could happen again today.

The record high is 122 degrees, set on June 26, 1990. Teresa Flores in Phoenix said she will make sure her two sons and daughter stay hydrated. "Water, water, water, water," Flores said. "So even when they think they're not thirsty, they're drinking water." — AP

WOMBS FOR RENT: INDIAN SURROGACY CLINIC CONFINES WOMEN IN 'TERRIBLE CONDITIONS'

CHENNAI: Police raided an illegal fertility clinic in southern India at the weekend and discovered 47 surrogate mothers - who had been lured to rent their wombs for money - living in "terrible conditions", they said. Following a tip-off, Telangana state police raided the fertility clinic in the city of Hyderabad on Saturday and discovered the women, nearly all from northeastern India.

"The women were all huddled in one large room and had access to just one bathroom," investigating officer B. Limba Reddy told the Thomson Reuters Foundation yesterday. "They were mostly migrants from northeastern states who had been brought here through agents and promised up to 400,000 rupees (around \$6,000)." An official from the clinic, who declined to be named, said the facility operated within the law and the

women were not confined against their will. "They were staying here as part of an agreement between the (adoptive) parent and the surrogate," he said.

India's surrogacy industry has come under attack from women's rights groups who say such clinics are "baby factories" for the rich, and lack of regulation results in poor and uneducated women signing contracts they do not fully understand. Activists say there has been a surge in demand for surrogates after the Indian government drafted a bill to outlaw commercial surrogacy - a multi-billion dollar industry. The bill is pending clearance in the Indian parliament. Until the ban on surrogacy passes, India continues to be among a handful of countries where women can be paid to carry another's child through in-vitro fertilization and embryo transfer. —Reuters

RELIGIOUS, INDIGENOUS LEADERS MEET TO PROTECT RAINFORESTS

PARIS CLIMATE DEAL 'DOOMED' WITHOUT FOREST ACTION

OSLO: Religious and indigenous leaders began talks yesterday on ways to protect tropical rainforests, with host Norway warning that a global plan to slow climate change will be doomed without action ranging from the Congo basin to the Amazon. Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and Daoist representatives met with indigenous peoples in Oslo to explore moral and ethical arguments to shield forests that are under threat from logging and land clearance for farms.

Organizers said the Oslo Interfaith Rainforest Initiative was the first to gather religious and indigenous peoples to seek out common ground to protect forests. They hope to organize a summit in 2018. "We are losing the tapestry of life and biodiversity that is in rainforests," Norwegian Climate and Environment Minister Vidar Helgesen told a news conference on the

June 19-21 meeting. Forests are homes and a source of income to millions of people.

And rainforests are also a giant natural store of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas from burning fossil fuels. Trees release the gas when they rot or are burnt to make way for farms, such as for cattle or palm oil plantations. "The Paris Agreement is doomed if deforestation continues," Helgesen said. Many countries have reaffirmed support for the 2015 Paris pact to phase out greenhouse gas emissions after US President Donald Trump announced plans on June 1 to pull out, saying he wants to promote the US fossil fuel industry.

Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo, head of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy of Sciences, said trees were vital to the cycle of water and life on Earth. "If we alter this we can arrive to have a planet that has no life," he told Reuters. "Trees

don't have only ecological value for us, but also cultural value for us. Every tree," said Joseph Itongwa of Democratic Republic of Congo, a representative of indigenous peoples in Africa.

The net extent of the world's forests shrank by 33,000 square kilometers a year from 2010-15, about the size of Belgium, the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization says. The rate is still high though about half that of the 1990s. Mary Evelyn Tucker, director of Yale University's forum on Religion and Ecology, said religious groups such as the World Council of Churches were seeking ever more to restrict investments in areas that damage the environment. Among other measures, for instance, Indonesia's highest Islamic council last year issued a fatwa on burning land and forests in an effort to protect forests and halt toxic smog. —Reuters

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FRENCH STUDENTS COMPLETE EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT GUST

Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) announced the successful completion of student exchanges with ESC Rennes Business School in France. Students Felix Foiret and Ahmed Mostefa attended classes during the spring semester at the College of Business Administration, majoring in International Marketing and Finance, respectively. A memorandum of understanding was signed between the two universities to allow students from either institution to join the exchange program. GUST is an active participant in exchange programs where 15 to 20 students attend UMSL, GW or FIU every summer.

Vice President for Academic Affairs at GUST, Dr. Salah Al-Sharhan, said, "An exchange program is a unique opportunity for students to experience time abroad, expand their horizons, develop their communication skills, and adapt to new environments. GUST is keen on building and maintaining relationships with esteemed universities worldwide to be able to provide its students with that opportunity. We are happy to have had the chance to do this with ESC Rennes." To provide a more detailed insight into the program, an interview was conducted with the students to delve into their experience at GUST and in Kuwait.

Q: How did you find out about this exchange program?

A: Through our Business School in France, in the city of Rennes. We have several options to choose from across the world, but we chose Kuwait.

Q: What made you decide to take this opportunity to come to Kuwait and study at GUST?

Ahmed: My father came to Kuwait a long time ago. He had nothing but great things to say about this country, so I decided to come experience it for myself. I chose GUST because it seemed to me, coming from abroad, to be more accessible than Kuwait University.

Felix: My grandfather used to be a captain on an oil boat, and he spent a lot of time in Kuwait's harbor. He told me that Kuwait would be an interesting country to visit. That, along with the usual media exposure of the region, made me very interested to come. I chose GUST for the same reason as Ahmed did.

Q: What interested you the most about Kuwait?

Ahmed: I think it's the foreign integration in the Kuwait's economy.

Felix: For me, it was definitely the

culture. It was a total culture shock for me. As a westerner, I'm not used to being in a Muslim country. We had the choice between Dubai, Qatar, and Kuwait. I chose Kuwait because I wanted to be directly integrated into the local culture, and I felt that Qatar and Dubai were too westernized for me to feel the real difference.

Q: How was your experience at the university?

Ahmed: Mashallah. Incredible people. I will come back to Kuwait for sure. The university is completely open-minded and they helped us a lot throughout our stay.

Felix: It's been an amazing experience. We met a lot of people through the university, and got exposed to a completely different culture and people of different origins. It was a very enriching experience for a little Frenchie like me.

Q: What was your favorite thing about studying here?

Ahmed: Discovering a new way of thinking.

Felix: The several different cultures, different origins, different spirit, different way of thinking. It was very educational for me.

Q: What was your favorite class? Why?

Ahmed: I have two favorite classes Leadership, and Business Statistics. I was completely welcomed in the classes thanks to the incredible professors. I felt good about myself in the class, and with the others students.

Felix: I don't have favorite class. In fact, I liked all the professors who taught me. I like the teaching style, the mentality, and the open dialogue between the students and their professors. I also liked that the professors came from different backgrounds which gave me an overall insight.

Q: What Arabic/Kuwaiti words did you learn?

Ahmed: We learned how to say hello, why, welcome, and how are you.

Felix: Ahmed is originally Algerian, so he had an easier time understanding conversations than I did.

Q: What did you like the most about GUST's campus?

Ahmed: The great atmosphere.

Felix: All the restaurants inside the building, the beautiful library, and the environment was also incredible.

Q: Would you recommend this program to other students at Rennes?

Ahmed: Of course, and even more, I will be the Ambassador of GUST in France.



Felix: We are the first ambassadors of your university from Rennes. And it's an honor to be the ambassadors of this beautiful university. We would love to share what an amazing, peaceful country Kuwait is.

GUST provides exchange program opportunities with other partnered universities such as Audencia Nantes, France, Ca Foscari University, Italy, Swansea University, UK, University of Missouri St. Louis, and Florida International University, USA. The College of Business Administration at

GUST is an internationally accredited program by AACSB-International, attained in 2014. AACSB-International represents the highest achievement for all business schools. The college currently provides six majors for students to choose from including: Accounting, Management Information Systems, Finance, International Business, Management and Organizational Behavior, and Marketing, including a Master's of Business Administration (MBA) program.

AUKMUN TEAM RECEIVES AWARDS AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA

Members of the Model United Nations at the American University of Kuwait (AUKMUN) acquired several awards during the United Ambassadors Model United Nations Conference, which was held at the United Nations building in Geneva, Switzerland, in May 2017. The theme of the conference was "the road to Sustainable Global Development in light of social, economic and security-related challenges in the modern world." The AUKMUN delegation consisted of 6 members: Sabah Al-Sabah (President), Ali Al-Qallaf (Vice President), Hunter Headaphol, Anjan Sethi, Moneera Al-Shatti, and Hussain Khashab.

The Conference featured an accurate simulation of the United Nations, which allowed delegates to acquire a practical understanding of how the United Nations operates and learn about its decision-making processes. Throughout its four days, Sabah Al-Sabah was elected as the Vice President of the General Assembly and was in charge of coordinating and supervising the various sessions of the Assembly. Ali Al-Qallaf and Hunter Headaphol served as members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and represented the Republic of Italy.

Their objective was to write a resolution and provide press and presidential statements that addressed issues on aviation and cyber security amidst escalating terrorist activities. Ali and Hunter created a consensus among all members of the Committee and worked with other members to pass a resolution by unanimous consent, despite the fact that they did not possess UNSC veto privileges. Hunter also participated in a media stakeout, where he was required to respond to questions posed by the press regarding Italy's involvement in the negotiations. Ali and Hunter were both presented with the Diplomacy Award.

Anjan Sethi represented Japan in a committee called "Empowering of Women," which focused on ending discrimination and violence against women. The objective of the Committee was to write a resolution with consensus. The task was particularly challenging, as different countries had their own take on topics such as forced prostitution, women's sexuality and the problem of domestic violence. After two days of intense negotiations among the delegates, a consensus was reached. Anjan firmly believes that the format of the conference made him understand the power of diplomacy.

"I will forever cherish this amazing experience, which not only made me more aware of the United Nations, but provided me with an opportunity to meet an amazing



group of people from across the world," he explained. Moneera Al-Shatti represented Japan as a member of the Economic and Financial Committee. Her main objective was to find solutions for climate change based on the UN sustainable development goals. Japan was known to have achieved the highest level of energy efficiency in the world, so its role in this conference was significant when it came to drafting the final resolution.

Moneera was praised for sharing the information she gathered about the subject prior to the conference with other delegates and for coming up with viable proposals. This allowed the group to arrive at a consensus on preparing the final document. In the process, Moneera was presented with the Best Position Paper Award. Finally, Hussain Khashab served on the Disarmament & International Security Committee (DISEC). He took a bold initiative and

decided to form the G77+China political Block. The Block, which consisted of more than eight delegates, unanimously elected him as leader. Hussain's Committee was unique in that it was the first UA-MUN Committee to break the previous record of inserting operative clauses in a resolution and raising the number from 33 to 42. Hussain also won the Best Position Paper Award.

For their performance at the conference, AUKMUN received the Outstanding Delegation Award, which was accepted by Sabah Al-Sabah on behalf of himself and his delegates. This year, under the leadership of Sabah Al-Sabah as President and Ali Al-Qallaf as Vice President, AUKMUN has acquired the highest number of awards as a single delegation. While in Geneva, members of AUKMUN also got the chance to meet with H.E. Jamal Al-Ghunaim, Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait to the

United Nations within the United Nations complex.

AUKMUN serves as one of the active Student Clubs at AUK. Since 2015 its financial and advisory support has been under the direct supervision of the Department of International Relations, which enables AUKMUN to function and plan according to its long term objectives. "The AUKMUN, under the sponsorship and direction of the Department of International Relations has managed to take practical steps to provide the opportunity for all students at AUK to experience the art of diplomacy and negotiation in an increasingly globalized world. The students representing AUK in Geneva were representatives of the College of Business and Economics and the College of Arts and Sciences," said Dr. Gholam R. Vatandoust AUKMUN Advisor and Professor of Near Eastern Studies and History at AUK.



TSC HOSTS GHANAYEM AL-FAHAD AT THE 'HEALTHY RAMADAN' PROGRAM

As part of its ongoing commitment to promote a healthy lifestyle, The Sultan Center (TSC) has teamed up with Ghanayem Al-Fahad a Macrobiotic expert to teach and promote healthy eating during the holy month of Ramadan. Through the "Healthy Ramadan" program, Ghanayem Al-Fahad meets TSC customers, every Wednesday, from 9:30 pm to 11:30 pm.

The program is designed to provide TSC customers with healthier options and recipes when cooking their favorite Ramadan dishes. Al-Fahad encourages customers to prepare their dishes using healthier and lighter options that can provide the same taste, but with less fat and calories and more nutritional value. Customers unable to attend the sessions can also watch the program videos available on TSC social media channels.

In addition to the healthy cooking sessions, customers can arrange to attend a one-on-one guided shopping tour where Al-Fahad works with them to select items to be used in preparing a healthy Ramadan diet with focus on eating habits, dietary attitudes and nutritional knowledge. Patients who face difficulties in committing to a healthy fast or have a medical condition can also benefit from Al-Fahad's wide knowledge and experience.

WELFARE KERALA KUWAIT HOLDS FRATERNITY MEET AND IFTAR



Welfare Kerala Kuwait Farwaniya zone conducted Fraternity meet along with grand iftar last Saturday at Ideal Auditorium Farwaniya. The program was inaugurated by Welfare Kerala Kuwait Central Committee President Shri Khaleel Rahman and was presided over by Farwaniya zonal President Shri Abdul Wahid. Central Committee PR convener Shri Anwar Saed was the key note speaker and during his speech he reiterated the importance of resisting the increasing threat to our nation from the Sangh Parivar.

India is a great country with rich tradition of communal harmony, unity in diversity and the very culture is molded in secular and communal amity which need to be protected at any cost for the wellbeing of the entire nation, he continued. The new members were welcomed and their membership forms were received by CC President during the function. Fostering universal brotherhood and communal amity among the community, around 250 people from different walks of life along with Welfare members with their family participated and enjoyed the grand iftar in a serene and Blessed atmosphere. Earlier the program started with welcome speech by Zonal social wing convener Hafeez and the program was concluded by Zonal secretary Noushad.

MALAYALAM CLASS 'ARIVU 2017' BEGINS IN SALMIYA

Kuwait City MarThoma Yuvajana Sakhyam free Malayalam Class "Arivu 2017" conducted in Salmiya Zone was inaugurated by Rev. Sunil John, Vicar - St. Johns MarThoma Church. Rev. George Varghese (Yuvajana Sakhyam President) presided the meeting. The Meeting started with the opening prayer by Santhosh Manganom. Felicitations speech was given by Jojo John (Vice President), Anand

Abraham (Convener), Benjin Jacob (Treasurer), Jophy Varghese (Jt. Secretary), Bipin Raj (Jt. Convener) and Melvin Abraham (Convener). A solo song was sung by Master Joven C. Jose. Parimanan Manoj (Convener) welcomed all and Blesson Rajan (Secretary) proposed vote of thanks. The meeting ended with the closing prayer by Mrs Chechamma Sunu. Anand Abraham hosted the program.



ENJOY EID AL-FITR AT HILTON KUWAIT RESORT

Hilton Kuwait Resort has announced an array of memorable activities to celebrate Eid Al-Fitr, the "festival of breaking the fast." After a month of reflection and fasting, guests are invited to rejoice with family and friends and enjoy the following offers carefully prepared to impress all guests, regardless of age. As well-known, Hilton Kuwait Resort is the perfect destination for guests who would like to enjoy their Eid holiday in a setting of relaxed elegance, enhanced by the discreet, personalized service one always associates with Hilton.

Guests will have the opportunity to choose from different accommodation types including rooms, chalets, presidential or Royal Villas. That's in addition to the wonderful water park - where you can play, hop, run, jump, swim, glide and slide at Hilton Kuwait's inflatable water park, which floats on the Gulf waters, just off the private beach at Hilton Kuwait Resort. Experience an unforgettable water-based adventure and splash away to your heart's content - a great day out for the whole family!

Leisure time is pleasure time as guests can rejuvenate at the Spa. Pamper yourself this Eid and get 25 percent discount on Eid package which includes 45 minute sea salt scrub, 60 minute Aromatherapy massage and 30 minute Face and Scalp massage.

Attention, brunch lovers: three-day Eid al-Fitr brunch - Created to perfection, the hotel is offering a three-day Eid Brunch at the beginning of Eid. Commencing in Teatro restaurant, the brunch buffet with live cooking stations and a vibrant family atmosphere opens from 12:00 until 05:00pm across the three days.

A live music performance will set the tone for a liberated festive atmosphere, while little guests can spoil themselves by watching movies, enjoying the magic show and having fun face painting in the Kid's Corner. Groups above 6 persons or more will get 25 percent discount. Let Hilton take care of little ones - The hotel's younger guests are invited to participate in the exciting kids' activities program during Eid, which features Kayak, Banana boat, face painting, PlayStation competitions, a bouncy castle, sand castle building completions, beach volley ball matches and much more.

Sumptuous dinner at Teatro: Three-day Eid al-Fitr - Dive into a generous family dinner buffets at Teatro restaurant and indulge in a live music performance while enjoying a traditional Arabic buffet and delicious Kuwaiti Ouzi. Super view with sheesha at palm Court private tents - Savour authentic Arabic cuisine and a refreshing mocktails in your own private tent by the beach with AC temperature controlled. After your meal, sit back and relax with a traditional shisha.



CANADIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL KUWAIT HOLDS ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Canadian Business Council - CBC held its Annual General Meeting 2017 at the official residence of the Ambassador of Canada. The Ambassador H E Martine Moreau welcomed CBC members and guests. The AGM presided by Tammy Ames - Commercial Counselor at Embassy of Canada welcomed everyone and assured quorum to proceed with the AGM. Minutes of meeting of AGM 2016 was approved. Ishtiaq Malik - President of CBC presented annual report and also thanked H E Martine.

Moreau - Ambassador, Tammy Ames - Commercial Counselor for their support to CBC. Treasurer Jacinthe Lemay presented the financial report of the year 2016-2017. All were satisfied with the funds available for the commencing year. The new executive committee of CBC involves Ishtiaq Malik, Dr. Dave McHardy, Dr. Christian Awaraji, Dr. Andrew Gillam, Bill Carroll, Laurent Levac and Dr. Awad Julian. Honorary members from the Embassy of Canada are the Ambassador and Commercial Counselor.



OSN MOVIES
ACTION

01:15 Forbidden Empire
03:15 Licence To Kill
05:30 Star Wars: The Force Awakens
07:45 Age Of Tomorrow
09:30 Spooks: The Greater Good
11:15 Licence To Kill
13:30 Star Wars: The Force Awakens
15:45 Ladder 49
17:45 Escape
19:15 Golden Eye
21:30 Grosse Pointe Blank
23:30 Pompeii

ANIMAL
PLANET HD

00:45 America's Cutest Pets
01:40 Animal Cops Houston
02:35 Tanked
03:25 The Lion Man
04:15 Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet
05:02 Untamed China With Nigel Marven
05:49 Lone Star Law
06:36 Gorilla School
07:00 Night
07:25 Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet
08:15 Animal Cops Houston
09:10 The Lion Man
10:05 Tanked
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11:55 America's Cutest Pets
12:50 Lone Star Law
13:45 Untamed China With Nigel Marven
14:40 The Lion Man
15:35 Tanked
16:30 Untamed China With Nigel Marven
17:25 Dog Rescuers
18:20 Up Close And Dangerous
19:15 Tanked
20:10 Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet
21:05 Dog Rescuers
22:00 Up Close And Dangerous
22:55 The Lion Man
23:50 Untamed China With Nigel Marven

BBC
FIRST

00:30 Orphan Black
01:25 Orphan Black
02:10 Spooks
03:05 Spooks
03:55 Casualty
04:50 Call The Midwife
06:00 Casualty
06:50 Casualty

Patrol
09:20 Sweat Inc.
10:10 Hungry Investors
11:00 Gym Rescue
11:50 Bondi Ink
12:45 Disaster Date
13:35 Lip Sync Battle
14:25 Hungry Investors
15:15 Catch A Contractor
16:05 Nathan For You
16:30 Nathan For You
16:55 Comedy Central Presents Comedy
17:25 Comedy Central Presents Comedy
17:50 Hungry Investors
18:39 Impractical Jokers
19:03 Disaster Date
19:27 Brotherhood
19:50 Brotherhood
20:13 Sweat Inc.
21:00 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah
21:30 MLE Chowdown: Wedges And Wings
22:25 Catch A Contractor
23:15 Lip Sync Battle
23:40 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah

Discovery
Family

00:30 Nextworld
01:20 Kids Do The Craziest Things
02:10 Dirty Jobs
03:00 What Happened Next?
03:50 Bear Grylls: Born Survivor
04:40 How It's Made
05:05 How It's Made
05:30 Strangest Weather On Earth
06:20 Mythbusters
07:00 Kenny The Shark
07:25 Bear Grylls Survival School
07:50 America's Cutest Pets
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17:50 Guinness World Records
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19:30 How It's Made
19:55 How It's Made

06:00 Zou
06:15 Calimero
06:30 Loopedidoo
06:45 Henry Hugglemonster
07:00 Sofia The First
07:25 Jake And The Never Land Pirates
07:50 The Lion Guard
08:15 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse
08:40 Goldie & Bear
09:05 Doc McStuffins Toy Hospital
09:35 The Lion Guard
10:00 Sofia The First
10:30 Doc McStuffins
10:55 Little Mermaid
11:20 My Friends Tigger & Pooh
11:50 Sheriff Callie's Wild West
12:15 Goldie & Bear
12:40 Miles From Tomorrow
13:10 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse
13:35 PJ Masks
14:00 My Friends Tigger & Pooh
14:30 The Lion Guard
14:55 Unbungaleivable
15:00 Goldie & Bear
15:30 PJ Masks
15:55 Sofia The First
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21:25 Doc McStuffins
21:50 Minnie's Bow-Toons
22:00 Little Mermaid
22:30 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse
22:55 PJ Masks
23:20 Henry Hugglemonster
23:35 The Hive
23:45 Loopedidoo

Discovery
CHANNEL
HD

00:20 Wheeler Dealers
01:10 Gold Divers
02:00 Shipwreck Men
02:50 Outback Truckers
03:40 Misfit Garage
04:30 Container Wars
05:00 How Do They Do It?
05:30 How Do They Do It?
06:00 Gold Divers
06:50 Wheeler Dealers
07:40 Misfit Garage
08:30 What On Earth?

22:10 Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors
22:35 Boyster
23:00 Programmes Start At 6:00am KSA

EHD

00:05 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
00:55 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
01:50 Botched
02:50 Celebrity Style Story
03:20 Celebrity Style Story
03:50 Botched
04:40 Botched
05:30 Celebrity Style Story
06:00 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
06:55 El News
07:10 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
08:10 El News: Daily Pop
09:10 Revenge Body With Khloe Kardashian
12:00 El News
12:15 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
13:10 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
14:05 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
15:00 El News
15:15 El News: Daily Pop
16:15 Botched
19:00 El News
20:00 Second Wives Club
23:00 El News
23:15 Botched By Nature

food
CHANNEL

00:00 Restaurant: Impossible
01:00 Mystery Diners
01:30 Mystery Diners
02:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
02:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
03:00 Man Fire Food
03:30 Man Fire Food
04:00 Chopped
05:00 Guy's Grocery Games
06:00 Barefoot Contessa: Back To Basics
06:30 Barefoot Contessa: Back To Basics
07:00 The Kitchen
08:00 The Pioneer Woman
08:30 The Pioneer Woman
09:00 Siba's Table
09:30 Siba's Table
10:00 Bake With Anna Olson
10:30 Bake With Anna Olson
11:00 The Kitchen
12:00 The Pioneer Woman
12:30 The Pioneer Woman
13:00 Siba's Table
13:30 Siba's Table
14:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
14:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
15:00 Chopped
16:00 The Kitchen
17:00 Bake With Anna Olson
17:30 Bake With Anna Olson
18:00 Chopped
19:00 Guy's Grocery Games
20:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
20:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
21:00 Man Fire Food
21:30 Man Fire Food
22:00 The Big Eat - Middle East
22:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
23:00 Chopped

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CHOICE

00:10 Pick Me!
01:00 Emmerdale
01:30 Coronation Street
02:00 Coronation Street
02:30 Chopping Block
03:25 Jekyll And Hyde
04:20 Shoot The Messenger
05:15 Masterpiece With Alan Titchmarsh
06:10 Pick Me!
07:05 Chopping Block
08:00 Jekyll And Hyde
09:00 Shoot The Messenger
10:00 Masterpiece With Alan Titchmarsh
10:55 Pick Me!
11:50 Chopping Block
12:45 Emmerdale
13:15 Coronation Street
13:45 Coronation Street
14:15 Pick Me!
15:10 Chopping Block
16:00 Grantchester
16:55 The Trials Of Jimmy Rose
17:50 Masterpiece With Alan Titchmarsh
18:45 Emmerdale
19:15 Coronation Street
19:45 Coronation Street
20:10 Chopping Block
21:00 Grantchester
21:55 The Trials Of Jimmy Rose
22:50 Emmerdale
23:15 Coronation Street
23:40 Coronation Street

HISTORY
HD

00:20 101 People Who Made The 20th Century
01:10 Sean Bean On Waterloo
02:00 Alcatraz: The Search For The Truth
02:50 Storage Wars
03:15 American Pickers
04:05 Pawn Stars
04:30 Pawn Stars
05:00 Mountain Men
06:00 Lost In Transmission
06:50 Duck Dynasty
07:15 Duck Dynasty
07:40 Counting Cars
08:05 Counting Cars
08:30 Pawn Stars
08:55 Pawn Stars
09:20 Storage Wars
09:45 Storage Wars
10:10 American Pickers
11:00 Time Team
11:50 Duck Dynasty
12:15 Duck Dynasty
12:40 Swamp People
13:30 Ax Men
14:20 Mountain Men
15:10 Lost In Transmission
16:00 Storage Wars
16:25 Storage Wars
16:50 Pawn Stars
17:15 Pawn Stars
17:40 Ronnie O'Sullivan's American Hustle
18:30 Ronnie O'Sullivan's American Hustle
19:20 Mountain Men
20:10 American Pickers
21:00 Ultimate Soldier Challenge
21:50 Alone
22:40 Swamp People
23:30 American Pickers

NAT GEO
people HD

00:15 Food Lover's Guide To The Planet
00:45 David Rocco's Dolce Vita
01:10 Andy And Ben Eat Australia
01:40 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
02:35 Places We Go
03:00 Eat Street
03:30 Eat Street
03:55 Carnival Eats
04:25 Korean Soul Food
05:20 Chocolate Covered
05:45 A Is For Apple
06:15 A Is For Apple
06:40 Tripping Out With Alie & Georgia
07:10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
08:05 Places We Go
08:30 Eat Street
09:00 Eat Street
09:25 Carnival Eats
09:55 Korean Soul Food
10:50 Chocolate Covered
11:15 A Is For Apple
11:45 A Is For Apple
12:10 A Is For Apple
12:40 A Is For Apple
13:05 Cesar's Recruit: Asia
13:35 Cesar's Recruit: Asia
14:00 Places We Go
14:30 Places We Go
14:55 David Rocco's Dolce Vita
15:25 Lee Chan's World Food Tour
15:50 Health Secrets Behind Korean Cuisine
16:45 A Is For Apple
17:15 A Is For Apple
17:40 David Rocco's Dolce Vita
18:10 David Rocco's Dolce Vita
18:35 Sara's Australia Unveiled
19:05 Health Secrets Behind Korean Cuisine
20:00 Lee Chan's World Food Tour
20:30 A Is For Apple
21:00 A Is For Apple
21:30 David Rocco's Dolce Vita
22:00 David Rocco's Dolce Vita
22:25 Sara's Australia Unveiled
22:55 Cesar's Recruit: Asia
23:20 Cesar's Recruit: Asia
23:50 Places We Go

NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC
CHANNEL HD

00:10 Scam City
01:00 Primal Survivor
02:00 Outsiders: Living Off The Edge
03:00 Border Wars
04:00 Scam City
05:00 World's Toughest Fixes
06:00 Science Of Stupid
06:30 Science Of Stupid
07:00 Brain Games
07:30 Brain Games
08:00 Explorer
09:00 World's Toughest Fixes
10:00 Monster Fish
11:00 Wicked Tuna: North vs South
12:00 Air Crash Investigation
13:00 Science Of Stupid
13:30 Science Of Stupid
14:00 Brain Games



THE GUARDIAN ON OSN MOVIES HD

14:30 Brain Games
15:00 Explorer
16:00 Monster Fish
17:00 Wicked Tuna: North vs South
18:00 Air Crash Investigation
19:00 Explorer
20:00 Monster Fish
20:50 Wicked Tuna: North vs South
21:40 Air Crash Investigation
22:30 Explorer
23:20 Science Of Stupid
23:45 Science Of Stupid

NAT GEO
WILD HD

00:20 Swamp Lions
01:10 Hunter Hunted
02:00 Original Fight Club
02:50 Dr. K's Exotic Animal ER
03:45 World's Deadliest
04:40 Dangerous Encounters With Brady Barr
05:35 Original Fight Club
06:30 Dr. K's Exotic Animal ER
07:25 World's Deadliest
08:20 Dangerous Encounters With Brady Barr
09:15 Australia's Deadly Monsters
10:10 America's Deadliest
11:05 Python Hunters
12:00 California's Wild Coast
12:55 Fatal Attraction
13:50 Dr. K's Exotic Animal ER
14:45 World's Deadliest
15:40 Dangerous Encounters With Brady Barr
16:35 Australia's Deadly Monsters
17:30 Big Cat Wars (Aka Lion vs Cheetah)
18:25 Python Hunters
19:20 World's Deadliest
20:10 Dangerous Encounters With Brady Barr
21:00 Australia's Deadly Monsters
21:50 Big Cat Wars (Aka Lion vs Cheetah)
22:40 Python Hunters
23:30 California's Wild Coast

OSN MOVIES HD
FAMILY

01:10 Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen
02:45 Pirates Of The Caribbean: Curse Of The Black Pearl
05:10 Tinker Bell And The Lost Treasure
06:35 Marvel Super Hero Adventures: Frost Fight
07:55 Pirates Of The Caribbean: Curse Of The Black Pearl
10:20 Treasure Planet
12:05 Tinker Bell And The Lost Treasure
13:30 Looney Tunes: Rabbit's Run
15:00 Rio
16:40 The Unbeatables
18:20 High School Musical 3: Senior Year
20:15 Pirates Of The Caribbean 2: Dead Man's Chest
22:45 Rio

OSN MOVIES HD
COMEDY

01:15 Father Of The Bride
03:00 Father Of The Bride Part II
04:45 The Butcher's Wife
06:30 Overboard
08:30 Hard Promises
10:15 The Butcher's Wife
12:00 Overboard
14:00 Babe: Pig In The City
15:45 Junior
17:45 Parenthood
20:00 Three Men And A Little Lady
21:45 When In Rome
23:15 Tank Girl

OSN MOVIES
FESTIVAL

00:45 The Help
03:15 I Believe In Miracles
05:00 East Side Sushi
07:00 I Am Bolt
08:45 The Help
11:15 Boychoir
13:00 Still Alice
14:45 La Bamba
16:45 Oliver's Deal
18:30 Days Of Heaven
20:15 The Joy Luck Club
22:30 99 Homes

OSN MOVIES HD
KIDS

01:00 The Adventures Of Don Quixote
02:45 Thumbelina
04:30 Mamma Moo And Crow
06:00 Frog Kingdom
07:45 Ghosthunters On Icy Trails
09:30 Big Baby
11:00 The Adventures Of Don Quixote

12:45 I numeolina
14:30 Albert
16:00 Big Baby
17:30 Lego: Scooby Doo Haunted Hollywood
19:00 Garfield
20:30 Albert
22:00 Ghosthunters On Icy Trails
23:45 Lego: Scooby Doo Haunted Hollywood

OSN MOVIES HD

00:15 Unstoppable
02:00 The Invention Of Lying
03:45 The Guardian
06:00 Big
08:00 Unstoppable
09:45 Seventh Son
11:30 The Guardian
13:45 The Good Lie
15:45 The Ladykillers
17:30 The War
19:45 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
21:30 Dick Tracy
23:15 The Babadook

SC
discovery
science

00:30 How Do They Do It?
00:55 Food Factory
01:20 Weird Or What?
02:10 Space Pioneer
03:00 Scanning The Skies: The Discovery Channel...
03:48 Race To Escape
04:36 Weird Or What?
05:24 Mythbusters
06:12 How Do They Do It?
06:36 Food Factory
07:00 How Do They Do It?
07:26 Race To Escape
08:14 Mythbusters
09:02 Space Pioneer
09:50 Scanning The Skies: The Discovery Channel...
10:38 Weird Or What?
11:26 Race To Escape
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17:02 Scanning The Skies: The Discovery Channel...
17:50 How Do They Do It?
18:15 Food Factory
18:40 Mythbusters
19:30 Strangest Weather On Earth
20:20 Space Pioneer
21:10 The Earth Works
22:50 Strangest Weather On Earth
23:00 Penn & Teller Tell A Lie
23:40 Mythbusters

TLC
HD

00:20 Married By Mum And Dad
01:10 Return To Amish
02:00 Cake Boss
02:50 Say Yes To The Dress
03:35 She's In Charge
04:20 Little People, Big World
05:10 Toddlers & Taras
06:00 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
06:50 Sweet 15: Quinceañera
07:40 Say Yes To The Dress: The Big Day
08:30 Little People, Big World
09:20 Suddenly Rich
10:10 Say Yes To The Dress
11:00 Cake Boss
11:50 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
12:40 Sweet 15: Quinceañera
13:30 Oprah: Where Are They Now?
14:20 Oprah's LifeClass
15:10 Toddlers & Taras
16:00 Little People, Big World
16:50 Suddenly Royal
17:40 Say Yes To The Dress
18:30 Outdaughtered: Busby Quints
19:20 Cake Boss
19:45 Cake Boss
20:10 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
21:00 My Extreme Excess Skin
21:50 Body Bizarre
22:40 Monsters Inside Me
23:30 My Extreme Excess Skin

travel
channel

00:00 Bizarre Foods America
01:00 Mysteries At The Monument
02:00 Going RV
03:00 Big Time RV
04:30 Robson Green Grand Slam Fishing
04:00 Mysteries At The Museum
05:00 Bizarre Foods America
06:00 Mysteries At The Monument
07:00 House Hunters International
09:00 Going RV
09:30 Big Time RV
10:00 Impossible



ESCAPE ON OSN MOVIES ACTION

07:45 New Tricks
08:40 Call The Midwife
09:30 Father Brown
10:20 Casualty
11:15 New Tricks
12:10 Call The Midwife
13:05 Father Brown
14:00 Casualty
14:50 New Tricks
15:45 Call The Midwife
16:40 Father Brown
17:30 Doctors
18:05 Doctors
18:35 Doctors
19:05 New Tricks
20:00 Prime Suspect: Tennison
21:00 Prime Suspect: Tennison
21:50 Spooks
22:45 Spooks
23:40 Doctors

crime
& investigation
network

00:00 Nightmare In Suburbia
01:00 It Takes A Killer
01:30 It Takes A Killer
02:00 Cold Case Files
03:00 Britain's Darkest Taboos
04:00 Nightmare In Suburbia
05:00 It Takes A Killer
05:30 It Takes A Killer
06:00 My Crazy Ex
07:00 My Crazy Ex
08:00 Evil Up Close
09:00 Crimes That Shook Britain
10:00 Homicide Hunter
11:00 Nightmare In Suburbia
12:00 Nightmare In Suburbia
13:00 My Crazy Ex
14:00 Evil Up Close
15:00 Homicide Hunter
16:00 Robbie Coltrane's Critical Evidence
17:00 Nightmare In Suburbia
18:00 Nightmare In Suburbia
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20:00 Crimes That Shook Britain
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23:30 It Takes A Killer

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21:10 The Next Great Magician
22:00 Guinness World Records
Smashed UK
22:50 What Happened Next?
23:15 What Happened Next?
23:40 Bear Grylls: Born Survivor

ID

00:30 Blood Relatives
01:20 The Real Story With Maria Elena Salinas
02:10 Casey Anthony: An American Murder Mystery
03:00 Murder Chose Me
03:48 I Almost Got Away With It
04:36 California Investigator
05:24 Blood Relatives
06:12 Murder Comes To Town
07:00 The Locator
07:25 The Locator
07:50 I Almost Got Away With It
08:40 California Investigator
09:30 Deadly Affairs
10:20 Southern Fried Homicide
11:10 Nightmare Next Door
12:00 The Locator
12:50 I Almost Got Away With It
13:40 California Investigator
14:05 California Investigator
14:30 Blood Relatives
15:20 Murder Comes To Town
16:10 Betrayed
17:00 The Locator
17:25 The Locator
17:50 I Almost Got Away With It
18:40 California Investigator
19:05 California Investigator
19:30 Blood Relatives
20:20 Murder Comes To Town
21:10 The Detectives Club: New Orleans
22:00 Casey Anthony: An American Murder Mystery
22:50 Grave Secrets
23:40 Who Killed Jane Doe?

Disney
JUNIOR

00:00 Henry Hugglemonster
00:15 Calimero
00:30 Art Attack
00:55 Zou
01:05 Loopedidoo
01:20 Henry Hugglemonster
01:35 Calimero
01:50 Zou
02:05 Art Attack
02:30 The Hive
02:40 Loopedidoo
02:55 Henry Hugglemonster
03:10 Art Attack
03:35 Loopedidoo
03:50 Calimero
04:05 Art Attack
04:30 Henry Hugglemonster
04:45 Zou
05:00 Art Attack
05:30 Henry Hugglemonster
05:45 Loopedidoo

09:20 Container Wars
09:45 How Do They Do It?
10:10 How Do They Do It?
10:35 Gold Divers
11:25 Shipwreck Men
12:15 Ice Lake Rebels
13:05 How Do They Do It?
13:30 Container Wars
13:55 Container Wars
14:20 Gold Rush
15:10 What On Earth?
16:00 Gold Divers
16:50 Misfit Garage
17:40 Wheeler Dealers
18:30 How Do They Do It?
18:55 How Do They Do It?
19:20 What On Earth?
20:10 Container Wars
20:35 Container Wars
21:00 The Island With Bear Grylls
21:50 The Wheel: Survival Games
22:40 Running Wild With Bear Grylls
23:30 Misfit Garage

XD

06:00 Right Now Kapow
06:25 Disney11
06:50 Access All Areas: Spider-Man: Homecoming
07:10 Disney Mickey Mouse
07:15 Milo Murphy's Law
07:25 Danger Mouse
07:40 Supa Strikas
08:10 K.C. Undercover
08:35 Counterfeit Cat
09:00 Lab Rats
09:25 Lab Rats
09:50 Future-Worm!
10:20 Pair Of Kings
10:45 Pair Of Kings
11:10 Danger Mouse
11:35 Supa Strikas
12:00 Supa Strikas
12:30 Gravity Falls
12:55 Amnroids
13:20 Atomic Puppet
13:45 Star vs The Forces Of Evil
14:10 Disney Mickey Mouse
14:15 Mighty Med
14:40 Kirby Buckets
15:05 Lab Rats: Bionic Island
15:30 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much Everything
15:55 Right Now Kapow
16:25 K.C. Undercover
16:50 Disney11
17:15 Mech-X4
17:40 Milo Murphy's Law
18:05 Disney Mickey Mouse
18:10 Gravity Falls
18:35 Mighty Med
19:00 Atomic Puppet
19:25 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much Everything
19:55 K.C. Undercover
20:20 Mech-X4
20:45 Disney11
21:10 Walk The Prank
21:35 Disney Mickey Mouse
21:40 Disney Mickey Mouse
21:45 Marvel's Guardians Of The Galaxy



STILL ALICE ON OSN MOVIES FESTIVAL

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PROGRAMME FROM THURSDAY TO FRIDAY

NOW SHOWING

*Late shows highlighted in orange are available on Thursday and Friday only

HACKSAW RIDGE
(EXCLUSIVE)
RERUN
GATE MALL 2:45, 9:00, 11:30
GRANDCLAS 3:30, 9:00
CAST: Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington
A true story of the American soldiers who fought the Battle of Okinawa, and became the first men in American history to receive the Medal of Honor without being a pilot.

ALIEN: COVENANT
GATE MALL 2:15, 9:15, 11:45
CAST: Michael Fassbender, Katherine Waterston
The crew of a colony ship, bound for a remote planet, discover an uncharted perilous with a threat beyond their imagination, and must attempt a harrowing escape.

DON'T BREATHE
(EXCLUSIVE)
RERUN
GATE MALL 2:30, 4:30, 9:15, 11:15
CAST: Stephen Lang, Jane Levy, Dylan McDermott
Hoping to walk away with a massive fortune, a trio of thieves break into the house of a blind man who isn't as helpless as he seems.

KING ARTHUR: LEGEND OF THE SWORD 3D
GATE MALL 3:00, 9:45
CAST: Charlie Hunnam, Jade Lieke
Ruled of his twilight, Arthur comes up the hard way in the back alleys of the city that once he pulls the sword from the stone, he is forced to acknowledge his true legacy - whether he likes it or not.

THE EXCEPTION
GATE MALL 2:00, 4:15, 9:30, 11:45
CAST: Lily James, Jai Courtney
A German soldier tries to determine if the Dutch resistance has plans to sabotage the home of Kaiser Wilhelm in Holland during the onset of World War II, but fails for a young Jewish Dutch woman during his investigation.

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2 3D
GATE MALL 2:00, 9:30
CAST: Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 continues the team's adventures as they unravel the mystery of Peter Quill's true parentage.

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE LONG HAUL
GATE MALL 2:15, 4:15, 9:30, 11:30
CAST: Jason Drucker, Alicia Silverstone
A Helthy family mad trip to attend Mena's 30th birthday party goes hilariously off course thanks to Greg's renewed scheme to get to a video gaming convention.

THE CIRCLE
GATE MALL 2:00, 9:00, 11:45
CAST: Emma Watson, Tom Hanks, John Boyega
A woman lands a dream job at a powerful tech company called the Circle, only to uncover a nefarious agenda that will affect the lives of her friends, family and that of humanity.

EXCLUSIVE: MOVIES SHOWING ONLY AT GRAND CINEMAS GATE MALL AND AL HAMMA LUXURY CENTER

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Pappu Lal S/o Mohan Lal, holder of Indian Passport No. L3465187 & Civil ID No. 277070902896 has changed my name to Praful Dewra, hereinafter in all my dealings and documents. (C 5322) 18-6-2017

LOST

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ACROSS

- 1. An important seaport on the Island of Cebu in the Philippines.
- 5. Relating to or produced by ergot.
- 12. Experiencing or showing sorrow or unhappiness.
- 15. (used of especially horses) Having a brownish coat thickly sprinkled with white or gray.
- 16. A tangible symbol signifying approval or distinction.
- 17. South American wood sorrel cultivated for its edible tubers.
- 18. A northeastern Iranian language spoken in Russia.
- 20. North American yellow-breasted songbirds.
- 21. King of Saudi Arabia since 1982 (born in 1922).
- 22. Rig used in drilling for oil or gas.
- 23. A sweetened beverage of diluted fruit juice.
- 25. Large brownish-green New Zealand parrot.
- 26. On your knees n.
- 28. Acid gritty-textured fruit.
- 31. Wearing or provided with clothing.
- 32. Argentine armadillo with six movable bands and hairy underparts.
- 36. Marked by intense agitation or emotion.
- 41. Type genus of the Anatidae.
- 42. Aromatic bulb used as seasoning.
- 43. Leaf or strip from a leaf of the talipot palm used in India for writing paper.
- 44. Any of various spectacular plants of the genus Laelia having showy flowers in many colors.
- 46. A unit of apothecary weight equal to an eighth of an ounce or to 60 grains.
- 49. (informal) Uncomplimentary terms for a policeman.
- 51. Large northern deer with enormous flattened antlers in the male.
- 52. A correctional institution used to detain persons who are in the lawful custody of the government (either accused persons awaiting trial or convicted persons serving a sentence).
- 53. In bed.
- 56. A republic on the island of Malta in the Mediterranean.
- 59. A genus of tropical American plants have sword-shaped leaves and a fleshy compound fruits composed of the fruits of several flowers (such as pineapples).
- 61. A highly unstable radioactive element (the heaviest of the halogen series).
- 63. A tributary of the Rhine.
- 64. A woman's headscarf folded into a triangle and tied under the chine.
- 67. Riding without a saddle.
- 70. 16 ounces.
- 71. The atomic weight of an element that has the same combining capacity as a given weight of another element.
- 72. Decisively defeated in combat.
- 73. The boy whose upbringing was described by Jean-Jacques Rousseau.
- 77. Animal reproductive body consisting of an ovum or embryo together with nutritive and protective envelopes.
- 78. Composes music as a profession.
- 80. Extremely pleasing.
- 81. The dialect of Chinese spoken in Canton and neighboring provinces and in Hong Kong and elsewhere outside China.
- 82. A city in western Lithuania on the Baltic Sea.
- 83. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.

DOWN

- 1. Someone who has committed (or been legally convicted of) a crime.
- 2. A red fluorescent dye resulting from the action of bromine on fluorescein.
- 3. A city in northwestern Switzerland.
- 4. Not upright in position or posture.
- 5. Resembling or characteristic of or appropriate to an elegy.
- 6. An intensely radioactive metallic element that occurs in minute amounts in uranium ores.
- 7. A Russian prison camp for political prisoners.
- 8. Toward the mouth or oral region.
- 9. Either of two muscles in the shoulder region that move the shoulders and arms.
- 10. A kind of person.
- 11. A soft silver-white ductile metallic element (liquid at normal temperatures).
- 12. The process of becoming softened and saturated as a consequence of being immersed in water (or other liquid).
- 13. A dull persistent (usually moderately intense) pain.
- 14. An informal term for a father.
- 19. United States theologian (born in Germany) (1886-1965).
- 24. A strong emotion.
- 27. A yellow trivalent metallic element of the rare earth group.
- 29. German industrialist who was the first in Germany to use an assembly line in manufacturing automobiles (1871-1948).
- 30. (Scottish) Bluish-black or gray-blue.
- 33. Release or vent, as of emotions and reactions.
- 34. Occurring or done each day.
- 35. Port city on southern Honshu on Osaka Bay.
- 37. A genus of Mustelidae.
- 38. An assertion of a right (as to money or property).
- 39. Type genus of the Alcidae comprising solely the razorbill.
- 40. African tree having an exceedingly thick trunk and fruit that resembles a gourd and has an edible pulp called monkey bread.
- 45. A public promotion of some product or service.
- 47. A dark purplish red.
- 48. A light volatile flammable poisonous liquid alcohol.
- 50. Impose a penalty on.
- 54. Covered patchily.
- 55. A vigorous blow.
- 57. A city in northwestern Germany and an important Baltic port.
- 58. Electrical conduction through a gas in an applied electric field.
- 60. The 13th letter of the Greek alphabet.
- 62. A city in southeastern South Korea.
- 65. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
- 66. Jordan's port.
- 68. A feeling of intense anger.
- 69. A cap with a flat circular top and a visor.
- 74. Cleaning implement consisting of absorbent material fastened to a handle.
- 75. A period marked by distinctive character or reckoned from a fixed point or event.
- 76. A master's degree in fine arts.
- 79. Informal terms for a mother.

Yesterday's Solution



STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

You get along well with older people, especially those in authority. It is easy for you to express yourself to others; you always manage to make a good appearance. You have an easy manner and find it easy to communicate with just about anyone. Around noon today you decide it is time to tend to your own needs and you do a little research to find an optometrist or some other specialist to get some new glasses or perhaps a checkup-it is about time. You are a good team player and may find that this afternoon some plans are being made to draw up teams for an office game-sports. You have a natural sense of organization so don't be too surprised when you are asked to help. There has been much mental energy but you find ways to relax later this evening.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You are a born doer, with an incredible drive to achieve in whatever or wherever you decide to invest your energies. You try hard to push toward the completion of whatever goals are in front of you now. Your no-nonsense, practical approach makes this day run smoothly. You long for a little more stability, a little more permanence in your life, even if it means sacrificing some of the pleasures to which you have grown accustomed. This evening you will be subject to some metaphysical ideas. Your no-nonsense, practical approach makes unusual, out-of-the-ordinary subjects difficult for you to navigate. You have a strong need to widen your scope of influence, generally beginning with the young people around you. You become a good listener.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

This is a time of good fortune when things open up in a very natural way. Situations are ideal this morning for making choices. Opportunities are available for you to see successful outcomes in your professional projects or goals. Important decisions may rest on creating new guidelines-the decisions of the past may not be the best path to take. There is a great focus on family life: parents, children, relatives and the whole domestic scene. On a somewhat broader scale, you are likely to find that houses and other real property take on greater significance. You and your loved one may feel that now is the time to build a firm foundation, in more ways than one. A feeling of being at peace and stable on the emotional level is important to you now.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You are a real charmer-able to enchant others and bring them under your spell. All sorts of social interactions are possible. You manage to communicate an almost mystical sense to a group. Your ideals and ability to see the whole picture are obvious to all who come to know you. Everyday responsibilities can be demanding-your success depends on your ability to exercise only practical and proven methods. Your energy is always welcome in politics, as well as social and community endeavors, where its basic fairness and evenhandedness are helpful. You are very responsive and probably not a little possessive. You tend to collect things and material success-money, home, security, possessions-is very important. This is a lucky day with money!



Leo (July 23-August 22)

Everything seems to put you in the public eye today. You come off well in group matters now and manage to get your ideas across quickly and efficiently. The areas in which you enjoy and do the best work are with the written and spoken word and ideas in all their flavors. Your enthusiasm for the mind, the intellect and the world of ideas makes it easy for you to communicate these things to others. You could have difficulty getting outer recognition for your efforts at this time but have patience; your time will pay off soon. All of this hard work means you should throw your efforts into endeavors you really love doing, not necessarily because someone else says you should do a certain project. Puzzles are fun as you enjoy the mental effort.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

This is a very good day for job-related events. You may shine in your particular job and find that a promotion is possible. You could represent or speak for your company or communicate about your skills. You have a deep understanding and vision that cuts through what passes for conventional religion. You have a vision of the endless process of life-ever being born afresh. This afternoon is a wonderful time to participate in outside activities with friends or loved ones. There is a love of all children and animals and it is in these things you may soon decide to invest your money or time. This evening you are satisfied with the day and the world in general. You are appreciative of your place in life and may give thought to how you can use your time wisely.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

Your distinctive qualities are brought out today as someone younger than you seeks your advice. You are able to come up with good solutions or new understandings that will help you progress in your own life as well. You seem happy with your work and the attitude is infectious. You have such a good sense of humor as well as the desire to make things positive in peoples' lives; it is good for you to accept social gatherings away from work as you are able to spread happiness and encouragement. You might consider a volunteer position over volunteers that work in a hospital or teach adults a subject. People from the past may be calling and visiting and bumping into you from time to time. An impromptu gathering can be the most fun. Take a camera.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Your smooth-talking abilities, as well as your quick wit and ready tongue, will create some positive results in the business world. Independence, as well as anything unusual or different, is valued. You have a flair for presenting yourself in a positive and well-groomed manner. First impressions will serve you well in your communications with others. This is a good time to go on job interviews, make your side of a view understood, get a loan, obtain positive results from business ventures, etc. You will also work hard to restore anything that seems off balance today. If you are not romantically involved, there may be some opportunities to meet that special person this evening-certainly there is an opening to deepen a relationship.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

This is a good time to merge and organize your affairs or rearrange a business venture. You could be seen by others as just the person to be put in charge of some project requiring a sharp but conservative mind. Being prepared by being organized may mean your success now. This is a time when you can expect a little boost, some sort of extra support or recognition from those around you. You may feel that you are in touch and in harmony with others; the lines of communication are open. Investment opportunities are available as well. You will be wise to collect as much information as possible. Your real understanding of others will usually attract many friends to you. Tonight is a good time to visit with new and old friends.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Try not to be such a perfectionist! It is one thing to be competent, another to be excessively conscious. Lighten up a little! You have what it takes to meet your financial responsibilities now. The only problem is that you may not know it. Your money is a symbol of energy. We want what money can buy, not necessarily the money itself. After you reach your goal or receive the raise, you must enjoy the time of achievement. Appreciate your accomplishments. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second. Make it a point to loosen the pressures that you put upon yourself. Pretend you have all the money you need and play the game of, what would I do if ... Relax-you make this a good day for everyone. A magic trick makes you smile.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

You can be competitive-even pushy-when it comes to partners and other people. You have a great social drive and love to work in groups. The situation is a natural for self-expression as well as your particular ideas and style of working. This is a great time to be with others and to work together. You are ambitious and open to whatever is needed to improve business. You may be sought after as just the person for a particular job. A special social affair, perhaps a charity, gives you an inner healing now. Today and tomorrow are productive in seeking help for your new hobby or to begin a new hobby. The pursuit of a peaceful interest may encourage others to do the same. Take this in small steps to avoid spending large amounts of money.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Your positive outlook lets you get right to the point and you have little patience with those who do not seem to be able to make up their mind. You will be introduced to people in an environment you are not familiar with just now, but you have plenty of enthusiasm and you warm up to things and people quickly. You have an inner self-confidence that has much positive strength. You may become very dynamic in what you say but you know just how to get your message across. This evening you may find yourself at an art show, play or museum. Your taste in beautiful works of art may encourage you to take or teach a class on the art subject of your preference. A dream of yours is delayed, but only for a while.

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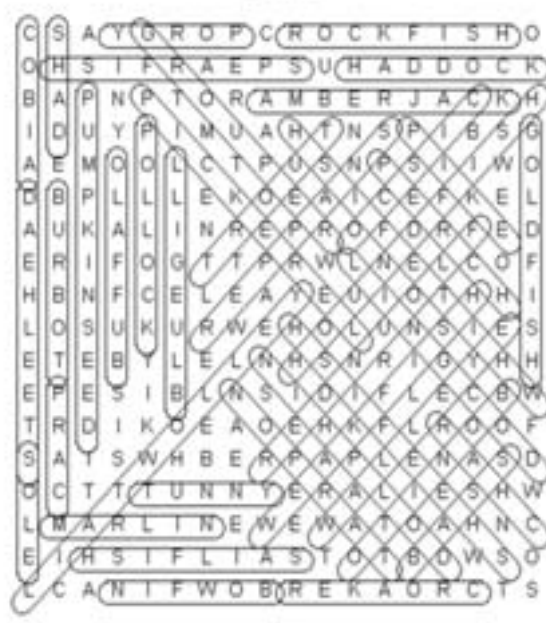
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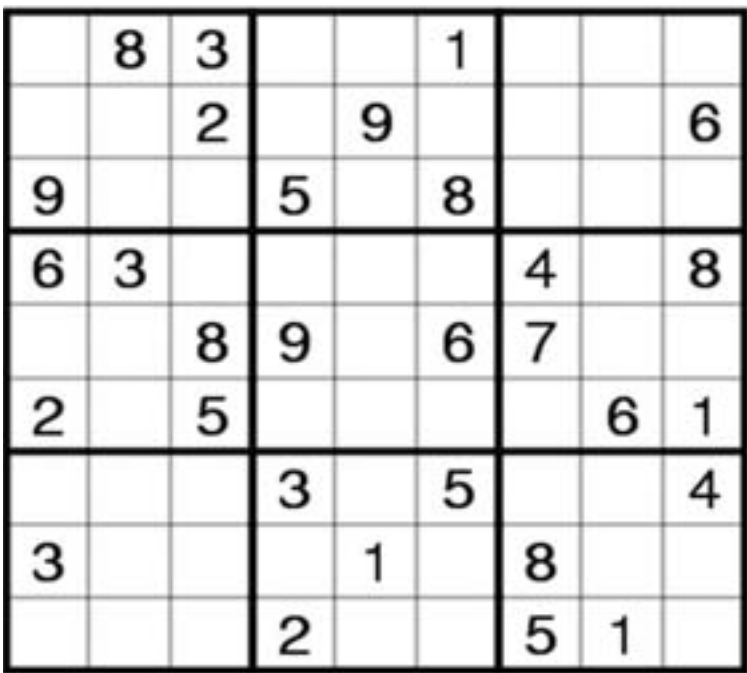
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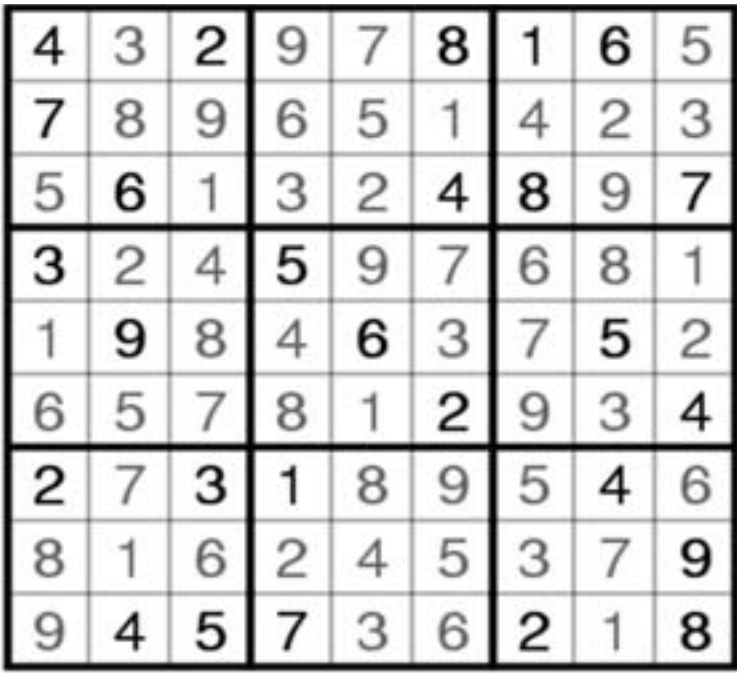
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Hidden sentence: A COUNTRYMAN BETWEEN TWO LAWYERS IS LIKE A FISH BETWEEN TWO CATS

Daily SuDoku



Yesterday's Solution



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Mirqab	22456536
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Salmiya	25746401
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Maidan Hawally	25623444
Bayan	25388462
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Sabah	24810221
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New Jahra	24575755
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South Jahra	24775066
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North Jleeb	24311795
Ardhiya	24884079
Firdous	24892674
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N Khaitan	24710044
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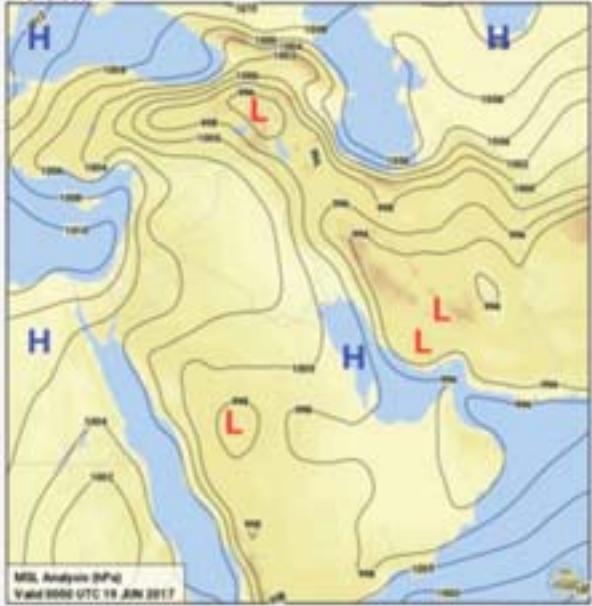
Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours

Issued 19/06/2017-07:00 LT UTC +3hr

Max Temperature 47 °C

By Day : Very hot with moderate to fresh north westerly wind, with speed of 20 - 50 km/h causing rising dust.
By Night : Relatively hot with light to moderate freshening at times north westerly wind, with speed of 15 - 40 km/h .

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Four-Day Forecast:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Expected Weather	Very hot + rising dust	Dusty	Dusty	Hot + rising dust
Min Temp °C	34	33	32	31
Max Temp °C	47	46	46	45
Wind Direction	northerly westerly	northerly westerly	northerly westerly	northerly westerly
Wind Speed km/h	22 - 50	25 - 60	25 - 55	20 - 45

All times are local time (GMT+3) unless otherwise stated

Warnings & Weather Watches

no warnings or weather watches

Kuwait Forecast

Station	MIN °C	REC	Max °C
KUWAIT CITY	34	47	
KUWAIT AIRPORT	35	47	
ABDULY	30	47	
BUBRYAN	29	45	
JAHRRA	34	47	
FAILAKA ISLAND	32	46	
SALMIYAH	33	40	
AHMADI	35	44	
JAL ALIYAH	31	47	
QAROH ISLAND	33	39	
UMH AL-MARADEM	33	40	
MUWASSIB	32	45	
WAFRA	31	46	
SALMY	30	46	
MUTRIBA	30	49	

Recorded Yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max Temp (°C)	47
Min Temp (°C)	29
Max Rel Hum (%)	21
Min Rel Hum (%)	09
Max Wind Speed (km/h) and Direction	36 SE
TOTAL RAINFALL IN 24 HR	0 mm

	Sunrise	04:49
	Sunset	18:50

Prayer Times

Fajr	03:13
Sunrise	04:49
Zuhr	11:49
Aar	15:23
Sunset	18:50
Isha	20:22

INTERNATIONAL CALLS



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Albania	00355	Luxembourg	00352
Algeria	00213	Macau	00853
Andorra	00376	Macedonia	00389
Angola	00244	Madagascar	00261
Anguilla	001264	Majorca	0034
Antiga	001268	Malawi	00265
Argentina	0054	Malaysia	0060
Armenia	00374	Maldives	00960
Australia	0061	Mali	00223
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Bahamas	001242	Martinique	00596
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Benin	00229	Monaco	00377
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Cambodia	00855	New Zealand	0064
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Canada	001	Niger	00227
Cape Verde	00238	Nigeria	00234
Cayman Islands	001345	Niue	00683
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China	0086	Norway	0047
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Costa Rica	00506	Papua New Guinea	00675
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Cuba	0053	Peru	0051
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El Salvador	00503	Saint Lucia	001758
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Equatorial Guinea	00240	Saint Vincent	001784
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Ethiopia	00251	San Marino	00378
Falkland Islands	00500	Sao Tome	00239
Faroe Islands	00298	Saudi Arabia	00966
Fiji	00679	Scotland (UK)	0044
Finland	00358	Senegal	00221
France	0033	Seychelles	00284
French Guiana	00594	Sierra Leone	00232
French Polynesia	00689	Singapore	0065
Gabon	00241	Slovakia	00421
Gambia	00220	Slovenia	00386
Georgia	00995	Solomon Islands	00677
Germany	0049	Somalia	00252
Ghana	00233	South Africa	0027
Gibraltar	00350	South Korea	0082
Greece	0030	Spain	0034
Greenland	00299	Sri Lanka	0094
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Guinea	00224	Switzerland	0041
Guyana	00592	Syria	00963
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Honduras	00504	Tanzania	00255
Hong Kong	00852	Thailand	0066
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Lesotho	00266		



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G O S S I P



Shirley Bassey to receive Nordoff Robins O2 Silver Clef Award

Dame Shirley Bassey is the recipient of this year's Nordoff Robins O2 Silver Clef Award. The 80-year-old music legend is thrilled to have been chosen to receive the prestigious accolade, which recognizes her for her long and successful music career, at the annual charity event held at London's Grosvenor House Hotel on Friday June 30. Speaking ahead of nabbing the title Lionel Richie won last year, the 'Big Spender' hitmaker said: "I'm honored to be the recipient of this year Silver Clef Award. Music is my career. Music is my life. Music is my friend. Music has been there to celebrate the highs & sooth through the lows. "I believe everybody has a song inside of them; some people can lose their way in life, some struggle to express themselves - but Nordoff Robins works with these people to find their inner songbird and true happiness." The Nordoff Robins O2 Silver Clef Awards, which has been

running for 42 years, has raised nearly £10 million to fund the Nordoff Robins charity who provide music therapy for people of all ages. Blondie will pick up the American Express Icon Award while Phil Collins, 66, is set to receive the Amazon Outstanding Achievement Award. Meanwhile, Nile Rodgers will be handed the Raymond Weil International Award and is looking forward to celebrating the work the charity does on the night. The 64-year-old Chic frontman said: "To be honored by such a great charity, one which uses music to heal and to help, is a real privilege. Music is such a positive force in this world, and I very much look forward to coming together to recognize that at the O2 Silver Clef Awards." Best Female Award went to 30-year-old Scottish soprano Emeli Sande. She said: "I feel so lucky to collect the Jack Daniels Newcomer Award! Music is such a massive part of my life, and I feel proud to be recog-

nized by a charity that use music to change lives for the better." And the Royal Albert Hall Best Group Act has been won by Mumford & Sons, who said: "We're honored to be picking up the Best Group Award. We believe in the potency of music and are glad to be able to celebrate the amazing work of Nordoff Robins at the Silver Clef Awards." The Jack Daniels Best Newcomer Award went to 'Ciaos Adios' hitmaker Anne-Marie, 26. She said: "I feel so lucky to collect the Jack Daniels Newcomer Award! Music is such a massive part of my life, and I feel proud to be recognized by a charity that use music to change lives for the better." Other winners include 56-year-old legendary dance music DJ Pete Tong, the recipient of the Innovation Award, and Alexander Armstrong, 47, will be handed the PPL Classical Award at the star-studded ceremony.

Jay Z announces new LP and film 4.44

Jay Z has announced a new album and film called '4.44'. The 'Encore' rapper's company TIDAL shared the details on Twitter posting a 30-second clip of a new song called 'ADNIS'. The video features 'Moonlight' actor Mahershala Ali, 43, as a boxer using a punch bag, which is being held by the trainer portrayed by Danny Glover, 70, and it also features actress Lupita Nyong'o. A second image shared on the micro-blogging site revealed the release date of June 30. Alongside the image, it reads: "@S_C_ x '4.44' album x 6/30 <http://Sprint.TIDAL.com> #TIDALXSprint (sic)" The track appears to be a letter to the 47-year-old hip-hop legend's father filled with lyrics he's never brought up before. He raps: "Letter to my dad that I never wrote/Speeches I prepared that I never spoke/Words on a paper that I never read/Prose is never penned, they stayed in my head (sic)" The movie is reportedly set to be released through TIDAL only via a partnership with Sprint. It comes after billboards with '4.44' were spotted around

New York City earlier this month. Jay is set to perform at V Festival this August Bank Holiday Weekend in England and has several US festivals coming up. They include Made In America in Philadelphia on September 2 and 3 and the Meadows Festival at Citi Field on September 15. The '99 Problems' hitmaker's last studio album was 2013's 'Magna Carta Holy Grail'. The album couldn't come at a more fitting time with Jay welcoming twins into the world over the weekend with his wife Beyonce Knowles, 35, whom he also has five-year-old daughter Blue Ivy with. The 'Crazy in Love' singer's father Mathew Knowles confirmed the arrival of the power couple's newest additions to their brood on Sunday. He posted a picture of a birthday note, which read: "Happy Birthday to the twins! Love, Granddad. (sic)" And he captioned the snap: "They're here!#beyonce #twins #jayz #happybirthday (sic)".



ZARA LARSSON'S LOVE ALBUM

Zara Larsson has teased that her next album will be "cheesy" because it's all about being in love. The Swedish pop beauty took to Twitter over the weekend to share an update with her followers on where she is at with new music. She simply wrote: "Hello everyone I just wanted to tell y'all than I'm in love so the next album will probably be cheesy (sic)" It's anyone's guess who has made her explode with love as Zara revealed in March she was seeing two guys at the same time, explaining she is not "exclusive" to anyone. Opening up about her dating life, the blonde beauty shared at the time: "I'm dating a couple of people. I'm not exclusively anyone's." And Zara has insisted she wasn't obsessing about anyone in particular, revealing a 25-year-old Leonardo DiCaprio is the only person she has ever had a crush on. She gushed: "My only crush is Leonardo DiCaprio - when he was 25. That person is not in this world anymore." The 'I Would Like' hitmaker only released her debut album 'So Good' in March, but

she appears to already be hard at work on the follow-up. The 19-year-old singer hasn't spoke much about her next record, but she is constantly bringing up how inspiring Beyonce's music has been. Zara has never been shy about her adoration for the 35-year-old R&B superstar, but is particularly fond of her album 'B'day' as it is the one which made her go from liking her to loving her. Asked what song or album would be the soundtrack to her life, she previously said: "B'day by Beyonce. I am a really big Beyonce fan, like a proper crazy fan. This album was the moment when I went from liking her to loving her." And the blonde beauty is equally inspired by Lady Gaga. Asked for her favorite quote of all time, she repeated Gaga's words: "Some women choose to follow men, and some women choose to follow their dreams. If you're wondering which way to go, remember that your career will never wake up and tell you that it doesn't love you anymore."



LCD Soundsystem announce new LP American Dream

LCD Soundsystem have announced their first album in seven years. The American electronic rock band will release 'American Dream' - the follow-up to 2010's 'This Is Happening' - on September 2. The record from James Murphy's band will include the album title track and 'Call The Police', plus new songs 'Emotional Haircut', 'Change Yr Mind' and 'Other Voices'. The 'All My Friends' hit-makers have also announced tour dates including a show at Manchester's The Warehouse Project on September 16 and 17. They are set to perform at Glasgow's iconic Barrowland Ballroom on September 19, before concluding the run at London's Alexandra Palace on September 22. The new album is as much a shock as it is a surprise for fans of the band as they disbanded after releasing 'This Is Happening' in 2011. On April 12, 2011, Murphy confirmed the release of their final show on DVD. They also served up a documentary called 'Shut Up' and 'Play the Hits', sharing the 47-year-old frontman's final 48 hours on stage and before and after their last show at Madison Square Garden in New York on April 2, 2011. The Alexandra Palace gig marks LCD Soundsystem's first headline show in London after they group reformed in 2015, and follows numerous wildly successful festival appearances around the UK and abroad. Tickets go on sale this Wednesday at Gigs And Tours, Goldenvoice and AXS.



Sir Ben Kingsley to star as Nazi war criminal

Sir Ben Kingsley has been cast to play Nazi criminal Adolf Eichmann in 'Operation Finale'. The 73-year-old actor will star opposite 'Star Wars' The Force Awakens' star Oscar Isaac in director Chris Weitz's upcoming movie based around the final days of one of the major architects of the Holocaust, Deadline reports. Eichmann organized the transportation of Jews from across Europe to concentration camps where around six million people are estimated to have died. 'Operation Finale' will follow the capture of Eichmann, who fled to Austria and then Argentina when World War Two ended to escape capture and punishment for his actions. Eichmann was arrested in 1960 by Mossad, Israel's intelligence service and following a trial he was found guilty of war crimes and hanged in 1962 when he was 56. Isaac will play Peter Malkin, the Mossad operative who led the group of Israeli spies in search of Eichmann. Isaac will join Brian Kavanaugh-Jones and Fred Berger from their company Automatiks as producers as well as Inspire Entertainment's Jason Spire. The 38-year-old actor will next be seen reprising his role as 'Poe Dameron' in the upcoming eighth 'Star Wars' movie 'The Last Jedi'. Matt Charman, the screenwriter of the film 'Bridge of Spies' is also reportedly involved in 'Operation Finale'. MGM are distributing the movie after they bought the rights of the script by Matthew Orton in 2015. No release date for 'Operation Finale' has been set yet.

LORDE REWIRED DURING LATEST LP

Lorde was "rewired to become an adult" when she made her album 'Melodrama'. The 20-year-old star has grown up a lot since she first found fame and felt "more aware of her age" than she ever had when she worked on her latest LP. She said: "I felt more aware of my age than I ever have making a record. I was in these moments of just being gripped by an emotion and I was like 'I'm feeling this because I'm 20 and everything's messed-up inside my brain. I'm actually like rewiring to become an adult. All this is insane!" And Lorde feels she has learned a lot about herself during the making of the album. Explaining the meaning behind track 'Liability (Reprise)', she added to The Spinoff: "I went into thinking I knew what I was doing and thinking I knew exactly who I was at that moment and what I was going to do and the process has been very confronting and intense and awe-

some and emotional and it turned out that I wasn't who I thought I was after all." Meanwhile, Lorde previously revealed music entered a new level after her "heart was broken". She said: "After your heart is broken, music enters you on a new level. You suddenly find yourself crying when [Alicia Keys'] 'Try Sleeping With a Broken Heart' comes on." And she confessed that 'Green Light', the lead single off the album, is "about a heartbreak". And it's not something that I really am used to writing about. It took me a while to be able to figure out how to write about that. It was my first major heartbreak. And the song is really about those moments kind of immediately after your life changes and about all the silly little things that you gravitate towards. I say, 'She thinks you love the beach, you're such a liar!'"



John Landis: The Dark Universe needs to respect the monsters

John Landis believes Universal's Dark Universe could flop if it isn't "respectful of the monsters". The 66-year-old director has tackled all different genres during his illustrious career and he was responsible for making iconic 1981 creature feature 'An American Werewolf in London' and directing Michael Jackson's iconic horror-themed music video 'Thriller' in 1983. Landis is not shocked that Universal's 'The Mummy' reboot - which has kicked off the Dark Universe - has under-performed at the US box office because the film, to him, seems to be more focused on the cast rather than the supernatural foe of the title. In an interview with Entertainment.ie, Landis said: "If you remember with Universal back in the '40s, once they made all their classics, they started cross-pollinating. 'House of Dracula', 'House of Frankenstein', 'Frankenstein Meets The Wolf-Man' - you know what they used to call those? Monster rallies! And then of course, one of the great ironies is what was considered ... OK - it's over now! 'With something like 'Abbot & Costello Meets Frankenstein', which is actually a very funny movie and very respectful of the monsters. I think, you know, maybe that's one of the problems with Universal's Dark Universe is that it isn't respectful of the monsters." Universal has announced

plans for a 'Bride of Frankenstein' movie - with Javier Bardem cast as Frankenstein - as well as reboots of 'The Invisible Man', 'Creature from the Black Lagoon', 'The Wolf Man', 'Frankenstein' and 'Dracula'. Although 'The Mummy' has been a disappointment for the studio, Landis is certain they can make the other films a success because there is a history of great remakes in the genre. He said:



"You know, when they want to reinvent and sometimes it works great - look at David Cronenberg's 'The Fly' or John Carpenter's 'The Thing'. It can be done." Universal Pictures is also creating a remake of Landis' 'An American Werewolf in London' with his son Max Landis writing the script and helming the project with The Walking Dead's David Alpert and Robert Kirkman producing under Skybound Entertainment as well as Todd Garner and Matt Smith. The original movie follows American backpackers David Kessler and Jack Goodman - played by David Naughton and Griffin Dunne respectively - who are attacked by a werewolf whilst hiking on the English moors. Jack is killed but David is saved by the locals who know of the beast's existence but his fate is even worse as he is cursed to become a lycanthrope and goes on a killing spree in the UK capital. It is considered a classic of the horror genre with its mix of scares and very dark humor and special effects artist Rick Baker used a number of revolutionary techniques such as robotic parts to create David's transformation sequences earning him the Academy Award for Best Makeup and Hairstyling in 1982. Rick's work is still referenced during the Horror Makeup Show which runs daily at the Universal Studios theme park in Orlando, Florida. — Bang Showbiz



Photo shows the Sunrise Amphitheater on Flagstaff Mountain in Boulder, Colo. — AP photos



A tree stretches into the sky on the drive up Flagstaff Mountain in Boulder, Colo.



Photo shows the Chautauqua Dining Hall in Boulder, Colo.

In Boulder, Colorado, 5 fun things in 1 whirlwind afternoon

Not every destination lends itself to a whirlwind tour, but in the beautiful city of Boulder, Colorado, you can sample five fun and scenic spots in one afternoon. Of course, if you've got more time, everything on this list is worth savoring. But if you're just passing through, this doable itinerary offers an easy way to experience the city's top sights in a few hours. Boulder is also an easy side trip if your primary destination is Denver, about 25 miles away. The city's typically sunny, blue-sky weather, gorgeous mountain scenery and easily traversed streets make it a pleasant destination no matter how much time you have.

Chautauqua
The Chautauqua movement started in the late 19th century as a summer school for teachers. It later developed into a cultural phenomenon, offering lectures, music, the arts and recreation in thousands of communities around America. One of the last remaining Chautauquas is located in Boulder, now a National Historic Site with original buildings surrounded by parkland. Take a walk, lie on the grass, relax in a rocking chair, or if you have time, buy a ticket for one of its many events - concerts, films and other performances, including unique hikes that combine theater with the outdoors. There's onsite lodging if you care to stay overnight, but if you're cramming in a quick stop, one way to enjoy the place is to grab a bite at the Chautauqua Dining Hall. Get a table outside on the wraparound porch and enjoy the views and terrific menu, which ranges from bison to burrata cheese to Brussels sprouts. You can pick up a free map of Boulder inside the dining hall.

Flagstaff Mountain
Boulder's 45,000 acres of open space and parkland is supremely accessible. One minute, you're dining, shopping or walking on a city street; a few minutes later, you can be up in the mountains, surrounded by pine trees, looking down on the city below. From Chautauqua, it's a quick drive west to Flagstaff Mountain, past the rock formations known as the Flatirons. The winding drive up the mountain is beautiful with many spots to pull your car over and go for a short (or long) hike. Be sure to see the Sunrise Amphitheater on the summit. Built by the



Photo shows people relaxing along Boulder Creek in Boulder, Colo.

Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, it has circular seating, a stage and incredible views. It's a popular site for weddings.

Boulder Creek Path
Another encounter with the great outdoors can be had just blocks from downtown. On the scenic 8-mile Boulder Creek Path, you can stroll, bike or just sit for a few peaceful moments by the water. Kayakers, fly fisherman and wading dogs are all part of the scene. Part of it is paved, part is dirt and gravel.

Dushanbe Teahouse
Boulder is home to dozens of options for food and

drink but do not miss the one and only Dushanbe Teahouse. Dushanbe offers a formal afternoon tea with a three-tiered tower of pastries, cucumber sandwiches and more, but it's worth stopping in even if you don't have the time or appetite for a sit-down just to see the building. The teahouse is named for Boulder's sister city, the capital of Tajikistan, and its elaborate carved columns, ceramic panels and hand-painted ceiling were mostly handcrafted there by artisans, with some elements made or assembled here by visiting craftsmen. The menu offers breakfast, lunch, dinner or a snack in addition to the afternoon tea, but if you've only got a few minutes, head

to the takeout counter in back and get a chai tea or hibiscus cooler to go.

Pearl Street Mall
Pearl Street has been Boulder's main shopping district since the late 19th century and a pedestrian mall since the late 1970s. Today its historic storefronts have been restored and it bustles with shoppers, street performers and children at play. You'll find eateries, bookstores, boutiques, antiques and toys, along with art galleries and shops selling everything from skateboards to cigars. — AP



Photo shows a bison sculpture on the Pearl Street Mall in Boulder, Colo.

NY exhibition asks what creation of world sounded like

When the universe was born, what did it sound like? The question underlies an inventive and challenging new exhibition in New York that explores the fundamentals of sound and how they relate to the quest to understand the self and the cosmos. The Rubin Museum of Art, the 13-year-old institution devoted to India and the Himalayas, shakes off the visual bias of most exhibitions. Instead, visitors to "The World Is Sound," which opened Friday and runs until January 8, enter with their ears.

While the exhibition showcases visual artifacts, such as an 18th-century trumpet made of human leg-bone played in Tibetan funerals, the focus is on sound, which can be felt powerfully by putting on headphones, touching wall panels or even walking the spiraling six-floor staircase. The highlight is a representation of "Om," the holy mantra of Hinduism and Buddhism that is said to encompass all possible sounds-in effect, the universe itself. In the months before the

exhibition, the Rubin Museum, in New York's Chelsea neighborhood, asked visitors to stop by a small recording studio and chant "Om." It collected 10,000 files and, through software, set them on three pitches to merge together into an hour-long "Collective Om" that plays continually in a meditation room with three-dimensional sound.

Hearing the Big Bang
Outer space is silent, with no air to carry the vibrations that cause sound. But the exhibition, expanding on the "Om" concept, asks artists to imagine the sound heard in the vibrations from the Big Bang, the sudden expansion of matter considered by astrophysicists to mark the birth of the universe. C. Spencer Yeh, the Taiwanese-born artist who led the section, imagined a trio of 45 diverse and shifting computerized voices that say the letters "A," "U" and "M," which merge continuously together. New York-born artist Samita Sinha's work builds off a recitation of the

Hindi alphabet. Another piece, by artist Jules Gimbrone, records and re-records a reciting of a text through a four-foot (1.2-meter) vessel of salt water until the voice is unrecognizable.

Yeh said he gave loose guidelines to the artists on imagining the sound of creation. Still, he was struck that almost all of the artists chose to use the human voice. The exhibition also offers introductions into late experimental composer Pauline Oliveros's concept of "deep listening," which involves fully letting go to take in the sound of the environment.

Impermanence of sound
With sound just a matter of vibrations, does music have permanence? The impermanence of sound is reflected at death in Tibetan custom. Visitors at the exhibition are invited to lie supine on a bench to hear recitations of the Tibetan Book of the Dead, which describe experiences in bardo, a sort of limbo between death and rebirth. The book encourages the listener to channel positive energy, warning that a slip into darkness in the transient state could doom the journey to the next life.

"We take it for granted that music can make us cry, and can make us laugh, and can make us dance, and can make us have sex, and can make us stand in a field with 100,000 people and scream at the top of our lungs," the electronic rocker Moby said in an interview as part of the exhibition. "The fascinating thing with sound is that it has never been created," he said. "There is no such thing as material sound." — AFP

A 15th-century Tibetan statue of the Mahakala deity is seen on display in front of insulated sound walls at the Rubin Museum of Art in New York City. — AFP



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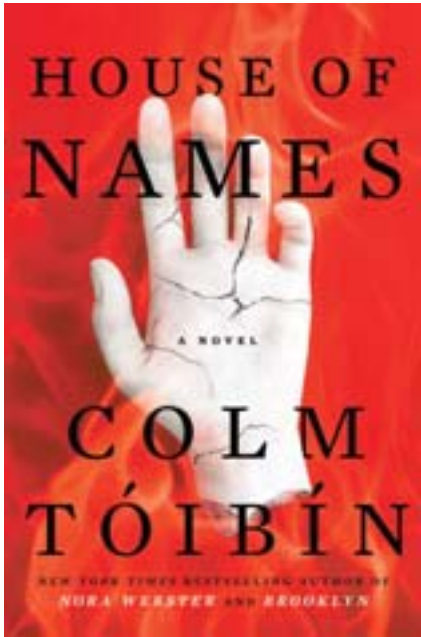
'House of Names' is family drama on a mythic stage

In the days before the gods lost interest in human folly, King Agamemnon summoned his daughter Iphigenia to wed Achilles. His wife, Clytemnestra, believed his ruse and led their young daughter to what turned out to be her death in a blood sacrifice on the eve of the Trojan War. In "House of Names," Colm Toibin reimagines Greek myth through the eyes of vengeance-seeking Clytemnestra and her surviving children, Electra and Orestes. He lays out their interlocking crimes at a steady pace in strong, simple words as if he were setting a table for a family meal. A rusty blade, an old cloth, dark whispers and a hollow look - these are the stones from which he builds a tower of atrocities.

Fans of "Game of Thrones" will recognize the material and thrill to it. Lies, secrets and betrayals lead to kidnapping, imprisonment, rape and murder - death by poisoning, death by knife. Bloody yet somehow never garish, Toibin's novel should appeal to many readers. Classicists will appreciate the masonry as he fills in gaps in Orestes' story. We learn what Orestes knows and doesn't know about his family's drama, how Electra plays him and what motivates his matricide. Lovers of fine writing will note Toibin's deft observations and how they create tension. Late in the book, Orestes sees changes in his sibling: "He wondered how much of this was an act and under what pressure it might fall apart, as her earlier pose as the daughter who lived by the light of the gods had fallen apart."

Toibin set his well-loved novels "Brooklyn" and "Nora Webster" in his

native County Wexford in Ireland. Readers longing for more must make due with an idyll at a seaside cottage where Orestes matures to manhood after escaping captors. Storytelling, jokes and stonewalls make this section feel like Ireland, not ancient Greece. The love and disloyalty of families undergirds "House of Names." This is Toibin's true turf, and he makes the most of it on a mythic stage. — AP





Models present creations for fashion house Dsquared2 during the Men's Spring/Summer 2018 fashion shows in Milan. — AP/AFP photos

Prada takes inspiration from graphic novels for Milan show



Models present creations for fashion house Salvatore Ferragamo.

A fresh breeze buffeted Italy's fashion capital during the second day of Milan Fashion Week on Sunday, both literally, bringing relief from the June heat, and figuratively, as young designers took the spotlight. They brought with them fresh silhouettes with new proportions and reinterpretations of old summertime favorites from linens to stripes. Here are highlights from menswear previews Sunday in Milan for next spring and summer:

Dsquared2
Dean and Dan Caten, the Canadian twins behind the Dsquared2 label, have made their mark on Milan-most recently with a neon maple leaf on the former distillery where they showed next year's warm weather looks for men and women. The designers put a jangle in the models' walk with buckled leather straps in neat rows up the sleeves of sweaters, down the legs of trousers and leggings, and across boots.
Hawaiian floral prints were the accent of the season, with floral shirts paired busily with leopard leggings or worn over the trademark Canadian plaid. Painted florals accented leather pants and skirts, and appeared as panel overlays on denim jackets. Womenswear featured dramatically layered long ruffle tulle skirts that were often paired with simple T-shirts. Men also can indulge in some light ruffles down the front of their tank tops. The headgear of the season: A military beret over a baseball cap.

Prada reality
Miuccia Prada took inspiration from graphic novels for her latest collection, which aims to create a dialogue between the virtual world and the real world. The virtual world is in an exhibit at the brand's Fondazione Prada contemporary art exhibition space. Fashion is Prada's reality. She employed two artists - James Jean from Los Angeles and Ollie Schrauwen of Belgium - to create graphic stories on a human and not superhero scale that covered the walls of the showroom and became the prints that defined Sunday's menswear collection in Milan.

Scenes included a robot monkey and an oversized spider descending to pick up houses. Prada said she was attracted to the comics because they turn out information in bit-size pieces-much the same way social media does today. Nylon jumpsuits defined the Prada silhouette, belted at the waist and gathered at the ankles and cuffs with plastic Prada labels. Shirt collars were turned up. There was a shorts version worn with Prada men's knee socks and pointy leather shoes.

The silhouette was repeated in casualwear, with sweaters tucked into athletic-style trousers.

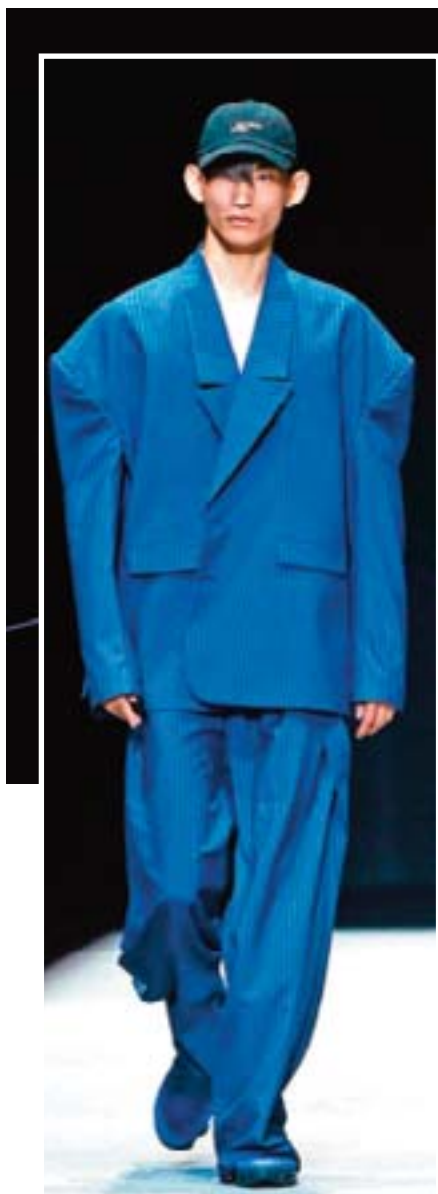
Meshed sweaters of horizontal stripes tucked into houndstooth pattern trousers turned up into a thick cuff. Sandals with socks anchored those looks. Graphic prints appeared in both pastel colors and black and white on shirts, jacket panels and bags. Prada said she added overcoats to unify the looks. "Everything was a little naive, too simple," she said. "We thought these big heavy coats would be the right counterpart. That is just fashion."

Textures at Ferragamo
Guillaume Meilland's second collection for Ferragamo is inspired by the Mediterranean coastline shared by his native France and adopted Italy. The looks are defined by texture: cable-knit fishermen's sweaters, velvety shorts, corduroy trousers and suede laser cut tops, all hearty fare for wind-swept seaside strolls. The designer also added touches of whimsy like sea horse prints and coral key chains. "Yes I like the idea of having, for me, something very Italian, something very much linked to the idea of the holidays and the seaside," Meilland said backstage. "Textures, colors, we are trying combine soft velvet, English fabrics and heavy linens ... The fluid and something more rough."

The looks combined for an effortless silhouette that Meilland said was inspired by the 1960 French film "Purple Noon," based on the Patricia Highsmith's "Ripley" novels. Ferragamo's footwear included penny loafers or slip on moccasins with rubber soles adorned with the trademark buckle for the city or rope accents for the seaside.



Models present creations for fashion house Prada.



Celebrity turns

Italian rapper Ghali honed in on a pair of velvety shorts with a sea horse print on a golden background from the front row of Ferragamo's show for next spring and summer. "I really like the collection. I love lots of the textures that I saw," said Ghali, a Milan native whose new album, titled "Album," is being promoted with an ad on the Duomo cathedral.

Yolo from Korea

Korean designer Munsoo Kwon made his Milan debut in the Armani theater with a collection that contained some measure of autobiography. The triptych collection includes pieces based on European tailoring, Korean military wear and a series of character looks. The thread that connects them all: The YOLO phenomenon, previously, before the invention of abbreviation-loving social media, known as "You Only Live Once."

The 37-year-old Kwon expresses his whimsy with out-of-proportion cuts: Boyish striped sweaters that are part of his character series are gigantic with wide, trailing arms, dwarfing the wearer. The military looks are elongated and soft, not your usual regimented rendering. And the tailored outfits are clean and elegant, featuring pinstripe pants with long belts worn with a pajama-inspired top and a trench coat with bell sleeves. — AP



Models present creations for fashion house Munsoo Kwon.



Why women top the catwalk cash charts

It is a rare exception to the rule: the gender salary gap in the fashion industry means female models are paid more than their male counterparts for the same job. None of the dozens of buffed and toned men parading at the latest Milan menswear shows since Friday can dream of earning anything like female catwalk stars, or of equivalent fame.

While the likes of Gisele Bundchen, Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell have long since passed beyond the confines to fashion to become A-list celebrities, their male equivalents, like the American Sean O'Pry or Britain's David Gandy, remain largely unknown to the general public. Gandy once observed: "Trust me to end up working in the only industry in the world where women get paid more than men, and treated loads better." "In the hierarchy of a shoot, you have the photographer, the female model, the stylists, the assistants, then the male model. You are the lowest of the low." Frederic Godart, a sociologist who spe-

cializes in fashion's place in society, explains: "Even if the markets for designer men's and women's clothes generate roughly the same sales, about \$30 billion (26.8 billion euros) each, fashion remains an industry primarily aimed at women."

Gisele's millions

"The brands and the fashion magazines are more interested in a women's aesthetic assets, which help to sell product better and as a result that pushes up the value of female models," he told AFP. Godart says there are around 1,000 young women worldwide who can make a comfortable living from top end modeling. "In this world, it's 'winner takes all', which means the top female models tend to hit the jackpot and increase the gap with their male counterparts." A 2013 survey by American magazine Forbes estimated that top model Bundchen had earned \$42 million in the previous year, 28 times the amount the best-

earning male model, O'Pry, managed to pull in.

Brazil's Bundchen however is an exception in the fashion sphere. At the top of her game for over 15 years, she can command fees that exceed those paid even to the likes of her compatriot Adriana Lima or Australia's Miranda Kerr by tens of thousands of dollars per show. "The more you go down the hierarchy, the pay gap tends to narrow," says Godart. "The average salary of a model in the United States, male or female, is only around \$30,000 a year."

Price of fame

Not everyone manages even to arrive at even this modest level. Many models live precariously and are forced to take on other jobs to make ends meet between assignments. Some sometimes employers will expect them to accept clothes as part of their payment. French male model Baptiste Nicol however insists that "you can still earn a good living without being in the top 100 in the world".

"Working 15 days a month on average for catalogues, shows and tests, I end up with the same income as a company executive," says the 32-year-old, who describes himself as having had a modest career without ever leaving his home country. Pay differentials with female colleagues? "They exist but also between different men. And you have to take into account that a male model will have his best earning years between 30 and 50" — by which time most female models' maximum earning potential is behind them. Rosa Sarli, director of the Elite modeling agency in Milan, says there is no set rule to determine how much a model gets paid. "It can depend on a lot of things apart from physical attributes, like fame for example. "If the model is married to a star or even the child of a celebrity, all that will push their price up." — AFP



A Jellyfish is illuminated at Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, Connecticut on June 18, 2017. The aquarium was founded in 1973. — AFP



Donkeys at dawn: A rubbish job in the Algiers Kasbah

It's a rubbish job, but someone has to do it. Or some animal: in the alleyways of Algiers' famed Kasbah, donkeys shift tons of trash every day. Some streets in the Kasbah are so narrow that single file is necessary. Others are wider but are steep and stepped, ruling out more usual rubbish collection methods. Hence the resort to animal power to keep this World Heritage Site clean. UNESCO calls the Algerian capital's Kasbah "an outstanding example of a historic Maghreb city", and says it greatly influenced town-planning in the western Mediterranean and sub-Saharan Africa.

But without its donkeys loaded with huge panniers and accompanied by their green-uniformed handlers, the Kasbah would sink under the weight of its own refuse. At dawn, the dozen garbage collectors of the Kasbah "saddle up" their charges with "chouaris", home-made baskets made of rushes, and climb the long stairs to Bab J'did, one of the gates of the old city.

There the teams split up and go their separate routes. The donkeys know their rounds off by heart. Man and beast negotiate the vertiginous streets of this medina built during the 10th century under Zirid rule, a dynasty of Berber origin that reigned over most of the Maghreb. Sprawling over some 105 hectares (260 acres), the Kasbah is a mass muddle of buildings constructed on a steep uneven slope 118 meters (nearly 400 feet) in height. Some houses are so old and dilapidated that they would collapse if not propped up by wooden or metal beams.

Scavenging alley cats

The collectors gather the rubbish in bags or by hand, and once a "chouari" is full, the donkey goes all the way back to the top where its load is transferred to trucks. Each donkey load weighs up to 50 kilos, and more than two tons of trash are collected every day. Come rain, shine or searing summer heat, the Kasbah Horse Unit as it is officially known works a seven-day week. This method of garbage gathering dates back to the arrival in Algiers of the Ottomans in the 16th century. Despite constant collections, the waste quickly piles



up again. "We're doing about 10 rounds" a day, sighed weather-beaten 57-year-old Amer Moussa who said he was looking forward to retirement. If the task wasn't difficult enough already, Moussa said he was tired of rubbish being thrown anywhere, and rubble or old furniture being chucked away with household waste.

Vacant lots where homes once stood have become dumping grounds where scavenging alley cats root through rubbish. Kadour Hanafi, now an executive with Netcom which handles garbage collection in the city, is himself a former rubbish collector in the Kasbah. He said some Kasbadjis, as the residents are known, look upon them with contempt. Bad jokes as they pass are common: "Look, there's a donkey-and there's a donkey with him." Abdellah Khenfoussi, a Netcom official who grew up in the Kasbah and still lives there, fondly remembers a time when residents would wash down the paved streets every morning.

Historic district

Fatma, wearing the long white "haik" dress of Algerian women, rails against the sordid conditions into which the area has sunk. "It used to be well-kept," the 74-year-old said of the Kasbah, which in 1957 was the heart of the Battle of Algiers during the 1954-1962 war of independence against France. "Everyone knew everyone else and we all helped clean up. But now most of



the original residents have left, and new arrivals have no idea of the Kasbah's (historic) value," Fatma said. After climbing and descending for seven or eight hours, which is exhausting for both collector and donkey, the dawn patrol returns to the stables.

The late shift then takes over. Throughout the day, donkeys and green boiler-suited collectors are a regular sight in the historic district. There are 52 donkeys in the Kasbah Horse Unit, acquired in the same manner as official vehicles-by public tender, said Netcom communications head Nassima Yakoubi. Each animal must be in good physical shape, be upwards of 1.5 meters (five feet) in height and weigh more than 100 kilos (220 pounds).

They join the unit aged between four and eight, and have a working life of around 20 years. You might expect that the animals then enjoy a well-earned retirement, maybe at the zoo. That is indeed their destination, but not as residents: to the anguish of their former companions the rubbish collectors, the worn out donkeys of the Algiers Kasbah become lunch for lions. — AFP



A garbage collector leads donkeys as he heads to the old part of Algiers, known as the 'Kasbah', as they collect the rubbish in the alleyways of this medina built during the 10th century under Zirid rule. — AFP photos